



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1560

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Union County Sheriff's Office is requesting continued funding of a new Public Safety Complex, which includes an Emergency Operations Center, 911 Center, Jail, Jail Administration (Booking / Sally port / Support), and an Alcohol Blood Testing Unit (for joint use by Florida Highway Patrol). The costs of the EOC / 911 Center were covered in Phase 1 (\$3,000,000). Phase 2/3 includes the jail, jail administration, and the ABTU (Requested \$13,870,100 total - Phase 2 awarded \$6,935,050 - Phase 3 request is for the other half - \$6,935,050). The current detention center is in disrepair due to being built in 1922. Parts for plumbing, electrical, etc. are no longer made or available, even through after market sources.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,935,050
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>6,935,050</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	6,935,050	80%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	3%
Other	1,500,000	17%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>8,685,050</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	6,935,050	1833	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Approximately 5.34 million combining CARES and ARPA funds to Union County. Used for PPE / Sanitization / Payroll of Public Safety Employees / Tele-working Technology.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01/2027

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

The Union County Sheriff's Office will indirectly receive funding for this project through the Union County Board of County Commissioners. The Union County Sheriff's Office is a constitutional office overseeing law enforcement / detention / EM / 911 / Communications in Union County. All facilities are ultimately owned by Union County, FL, the direct recipient of funding.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	County Staff will perform these tasks, included with their current responsibilities	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	No administrative costs requested	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	No administrative costs requested	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	None requested	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	None requested for operations	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	None requested for operations	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Site Development Costs This would include Parking, Infrastructure, Demolition, Etc. Building Construction Costs This would include a 90 bed jail and administrative offices. Project Expenses This would include Computers, Desks, Emergency Generator, Cameras, Security, Telecommunications, Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment, Permit Fees, and Design Fees. Line item costs are detailed in the attached Cost Estimate.	6,935,050
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>6,935,050</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

**a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?**

To establish a Public Safety Complex for Union County, FL. This would include a 1) 911 Center (Phase 1 funding - already received - \$3,000,000), 2) Emergency Operations Center (Phase 1 funding - already received - \$3,000,000) and 3) Union County Detention Center (Phase 2 funding - already received - \$6,935,050 and Phase 3 funding - this request - \$6,935,050). The current detention center is in disrepair due to being built in 1922. It's the oldest continually operating jail in the state and doesn't meet state requirements. There is an Independent Detention Facility inspection report, stating that the current facility doesn't meet standards / codes, and there are no parts available for plumbing or electrical. There are numerous leaks in the ceilings and cracks in the walls, which also condensate, so inspection was not passed for this reason, among many others.

**b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**

Phase 2/3: Additional space for housing those detained within Union County, FL with safe access to the Union County Courthouse. Increasing the size of our detention center allows us to house more local inmates at a higher security level. Currently, we cannot incarcerate female inmates. Our agency has an agreement with a neighboring county. We must transport them to that neighboring county, and their family must travel further to visit them, causing a great hardship to many families and our agency. We currently have to use extension cords through hallways / cells, among other life safety hazards present in the current facility. Phase 1: Numerous benefits for all citizens of all demographics provided by the 911 Center / EOC.

**c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?**

Phase 2/3: To provide secured lockup for those detained. To provide services to those with physical / mental health issues, we counsel and insure those in need take the required necessary medication while incarcerated. We work with the Alternative Adult School to help those in need to get high school diplomas or GED's while incarcerated. This project will allow those with substance abuses to be detained and given time to abstain from drugs, and then transfered to a drug treatment center for further assistance. Phase 1: Numerous benefits for all citizens of all demographics provided by the 911 Center / EOC.

**d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**

General - Services ALL Union County Citizens. Population: 16,500. Phase 2/3: This includes drug users, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders, and victims of crime. Phase 1: All citizens will be served by the EOC / 911 Center.

**e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**

Phase 2/3: Increase jail capacity / efficiency. Increasing the size of our detention center allows us to house more local inmates at a higher security level. The Judges in our County and Circuit will be able to divert adults and juveniles when space is available. Phase 1: County residents will enjoy a better quality of life because the 911 Center will be able to dispatch first responders to incidents more effectively; the EOC will provide county residents with enhanced notice and coordination of activities when there is a natural or man-made disaster.

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?**

There are no appropriate penalties (other than forfeiture of funds) for the Public Safety Complex (PSC) since it is a Fixed Capital Outlay project. The PSC will be built with the budget amount requested. The grant contract to be made later would state forfeiture of funds as penalty for any failure.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**



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d. Phone Number (386)496-2501 Ext.

#### 16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

#### c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number