



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2043

1. Project Title Union County Public Safety Complex - Phase 4

2. Senate Sponsor Jennifer Bradley

3. Date of Request 2/11/2025

#### 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), an Alcohol Blood Testing Unit (for joint use by Florida Highway Patrol), Deputy Station, and Evidence Vault / Storage. The costs of the EOC / 911 Center were covered in Phase 1 (\$3,000,000). Phase 2/3 included the jail, jail administration, and the ABTU (\$13,870,100). Phase 4 includes a deputy station and evidence / storage facility (this request - \$3,000,000). The current deputy station has insufficient space, and the current evidence / storage facility will be demolished as part of Phase 2/3 of this project due to its location.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Law Enforcement

State Agency contacted? Yes

#### 6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

#### 7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	92%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	8%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>3,250,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	6,935,050	1297A	No

9. Is future-year 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.



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## Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 10. 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?

01/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Local Union County Sheriff's Office and Union County General Fund budget / funding

### 11. 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.

### 12. 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</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 deputy station and evidence vault / storage. Project Expenses This would include Cameras, Security, Telecommunications, Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment, Permit Fees, and Design Fees.	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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To complete the project of constructing a Public Safety Complex for Union County, FL. Phase 1 covered costs (\$3,000,000) for the completed EOC / 911 Center. Phase 2 (\$6,935,050) and Phase 3 (\$6,935,050) funded the construction of the Union County Detention Center. Phase 4 (this phase - \$3,000,000) will allow for the completion of the Deputy Substation and Evidence Vault / Storage Facility.

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

The deputy substation will provide visible law enforcement presence in the community, enhancing public safety, while allowing deputies a more efficient location to complete reports, interviews, and investigations. The evidence vault / storage facility will provide a secure location for storing evidence collected during investigations and will maintain a strict chain of custody.

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

The deputy substation will serve as a hub for community policing efforts, allowing deputies to engage with residents, build trust, and address local concerns. The evidence vault / storage facility will manage the return of property to its rightful owners once it is no longer needed for investigations, ensuring that citizens can reclaim their belongings.

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

In general, this project serves ALL Union County citizens. However, it also serves elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, grade school and high school students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders, and victims of crime. The current Union County population is approximately 16,500.

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

Phase 4 will enhance safety, emergency response, and community programs, reduce crime rates, enhance community policing, improve crisis intervention, offer support victim services, and streamline evidence handling and training for deputies. This can be measured by emergency response data, evidence handling efficiency, officer reports, recidivism rates, and community feedback.

**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 in 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. Phase 4 of the PSC will be built within the budget amount requested. The grant contract to be made later would state forfeiture of funds as penalty for any failure.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No



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☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

☐ Yes, Applied

☐ Yes, Received

☐ No

☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

#### 17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 18. 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



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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