



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2419

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The primary purpose of this project is to Upgrade our technology infrastructure, specifically focusing on enhancing our communication systems. This includes the procurement of radios that can significantly improve real-time communication and coordination. The need for these radios stems from the necessity to ensure reliable and efficient communication, especially in critical situations where clear and immediate information dissemination is vital. Upgrading our communication infrastructure will not only enhance operational effectiveness but also ensure that we remain responsive and connected across various settings.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	450,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	450,000

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)	450,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	450,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The requested funds for the police department's radios will be allocated as follows: 70% for purchasing advanced and reliable radios, including handheld and vehicle-mounted units with features like encryption and durability; 15% for necessary accessories such as earpieces and charging stations; 10% for training officers on the effective use of the new radios; and 5% for ongoing maintenance and technical support. This funding plan aims to enhance communication capabilities, improving safety.	450,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		450,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The funds requested for radios will be used to enhance communication capabilities within our police department. By procuring advanced and reliable radios, we aim to improve operational efficiency, ensure secure and clear communication during incidents, and enhance officer safety. This upgrade will facilitate better coordination in response efforts, ultimately leading to a more effective law enforcement presence in the community.

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

These activities will enhance communication effectiveness and improve overall safety and response times within the community.

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

Upgraded radios will enable our police department to deliver more efficient, responsive, and community-oriented services to the public.

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

The project targets police officers of the Virginia Gardens Police Department and the residents of Virginia Gardens, Miami, Florida. It aims to upgrade communication capabilities, enhancing operational efficiency and emergency response times. This initiative will directly benefit about 30 police officers and approximately 2,500 residents, leading to improved safety and communication within the community.

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

The project aims to enhance communication capabilities within the police department, resulting in improved response times, enhanced safety, and more effective emergency resolution. The success of the project will be measured through various metrics, including Response Time, Incident Resolution Rate, Communication Success Rate, Officer Feedback and other metrics.

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?

Revocation of funding of Appropriation at end of Fiscal Year.

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
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

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



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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

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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