



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1281

1. Project Title City of Palm Bay - Police Department Sgt. Frank Tobar Regional Tactical Training Building

2. Senate Sponsor Debbie Mayfield

3. Date of Request 11/18/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Palm Bay is the owner and operator of the Range, a public safety facility that serves residents, businesses and visitors throughout the region. This facility functions as a premier training site for law enforcement agencies across Central Florida, impacting over 8.8 million residents. This new development will honor Sgt. Frank Tobar and will establish a Citizens Police Academy program designed to promote public safety through education, transparency and community engagement. This initiative supports multiple Legislative priorities, including SB1804 and SB1880, by enhancing law enforcement training, providing tools to combat serious crime and protecting its citizens. The project aligns with priorities set by, Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC), and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). It will strengthen inter-agency interoperability, support intelligence- policing strategies and improve rapid response capabilities.

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

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	900,000
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	900,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	900,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,800,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? 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?

01/05/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/07/2030

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

The City of Palm Bay's funds, departments, divisions and accounts are organized based on fund and account groups. Each fund is considered a separate accounting entity; operations within each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise the City's assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in each fund based on spending purposes and this project will align with the CIP Funds.

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.

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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		0
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	Design Construction / Structure Site Construction (parking, structure pad and utilizes)	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Assist the City modernize the Range, and provide better equipment for our officers and those from partner agencies. The training facility will promote officers to respond safely, effectively, and professionally, ensuring the protection of both law enforcement personnel and the communities we serve. Increase public safety and emergency response is the overall benefit and outcome while increasing competence, confidence and community orientation of law Enforcement professionals by providing scenario-driven training in deescalation, crisis communication and procedural justice which will increase the likelihood of peaceful outcomes, strengthens legitimacy and build public trust. Regular, structured training sessions enhance officer safety, decision-making, and tactical response, reducing risk during high-stress situations.

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

Assist the enhancement of the current features: 40-Acres of Land, Live Fire Shoot House, 50 Yard Firearms Range, Rifle Range (100 Yard and 400 Yard), Search and Rescue Dive Pond, Skills and Obstacle Training Course, 60 Foot Tactical Rappel Tower, & Training Simulator. The site will continue to provide law enforcement and fire-rescue agencies a centralized, modern, and comprehensive training facility for all disciplines of public safety.

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

The Range-Training Facility functions as a central hub for regional agencies, bridging training gaps, especially for small towns and rural departments that often lack access to a high-quality simulation environment. Strengthens disaster and major event preparedness- including for mutual aid deployments. Integrate state-of-the-art simulation technology, live defensive tactics environments, and scenario-driven tactical facility that will mimic the complexities of real-world encounters through scenario-based experiences.

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

This project will impact all residents, businesses and visitors of Palm Bay as well as other neighboring jurisdictions who benefit from the training facility. There are over 8.8 million residents in the Central Florida region.

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

The City will ensure that the project meets rigorous standards of fiscal efficiency, sustainability, and equitable access. This will be measured by the reduction in crime statistics overall, and efficient and effective response to events. Advocate, promote and facilitate continuous education and skills development for local, state, and federal Law Enforcement Officers.

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?

The City's Procurement Policy Manual; (C) Delegation of Certain Purchasing Authority #4 "Failure to abide by proper procurement policies and procedures may result in reduction or loss of delegated authority, and/or disciplinary actions."

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



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- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ 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



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☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.