



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1507

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Gulf County Sheriff's Office is seeking \$1,500,000 in state appropriations funding to construct an extension of our administrative offices to house a new dispatch center and training facility. Currently, the dispatchers operate out of a room that is less than 400 square feet. The dispatchers do not have an adjoining restroom or kitchenette and have to utilize the public restrooms facilities in our main lobby and use the kitchen that is located on the second floor. Our current training room is also less than 400 square feet and is too small to conduct effective training, especially defensive tactics. This expansion project will provide an adequate dispatch center and training room. The old facilities will be converted into much needed office spaces.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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 2026-2027	1,500,000	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2026

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

General funds for the Gulf County Sheriff's Office budget.

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 Gulf County Board of County Commissioners own the building and it is occupied by the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

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	Expenses will cover building construction costs including site preparation, permitting, surveying, excavation, and grading; Foundation/Structure Construction- concrete footings/pilings, concrete slab, steel/framework erection, load-bearing walls; Exterior Construction- consisting of exterior walls, windows, doors, insulation, roofing; Interior Construction- partition walls, interior doors, HVAC system, plumbing, fire protection systems, security.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The building addition will achieve multiple goals. Increased Public Safety: A modern, well-equipped dispatch center will enhance the ability to dispatch first responders to emergencies and maintain public safety. Enhance Law Enforcement Training: A spacious training facility will allow us to host quality training classes for GCSO and surrounding agencies. Community Outreach: the training facility will also be used for community outreach programs. Cost Savings: The renovation of the existing dispatch center and training room will allow us to create much needed office space and improve operational efficiency.

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

Dispatch services: The building addition will improve our ability to properly dispatch law enforcement services in Gulf County. Training services: The new training facility will provide the opportunity to train more efficiently with larger classes and allow on site training for new curriculum. Community Engagement: The training facility will also be used for community outreach programs, meetings, and events to foster better community relationships.

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

Enhanced dispatch services: Improve response times for law enforcement, ensuring the safety and security of the county. Better Trained Law Enforcement Officers: Law enforcement will be better trained and able to serve the community better. Community Outreach Programs: community meetings, workshops, and events aimed at building relationships & trust between law enforcement and citizens.

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

The target population served by this project include all residents and visitors of Gulf County. This population encompasses a diverse demographic including families, business, and tourists seeking various services from the Gulf County Sheriff's Office. This project will serve all the residents, businesses, and tourists seeking law enforcement services from the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

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

Benefit: Enhanced dispatch services: Improve dispatch environment and response times for law enforcement, ensuring the safety and security of the county. Measuring Benefits: Monitor response times and dispatcher retention. Benefit: Better Trained Law Enforcement Officers: Law enforcement will be better trained and able to serve the community better. Measuring Benefit: Monitor hours of training and citizen complaints. Benefit: Community Outreach Programs: community meetings, workshops, and events aimed at building relationships & trust between law enforcement and citizens. Measuring benefit: Number of meeting and community contacts.

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?

Suggested penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures include the following: (1) requiring the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) to develop and implement a corrective action plan to address any contractual deficiencies; (2) withholding of payments until the required deliverables or performance measures have been met; (3) Imposing increased oversight and additional reporting requirements to closely monitor the program.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☐ No

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?



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- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ 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



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☐ University or College

☐ 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.