



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1522

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will equip Gadsden County Sheriff, Fire Rescue, and 911 Dispatch with reliable, P25-compliant interoperable radios, strengthening coverage and coordination within the county, across the region, and with state agencies during disasters and critical events. These enhancements will improve responder safety and support more effective mutual aid to neighboring areas.

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	3,536,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	3,536,000

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)	3,536,000	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	3,536,000	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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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?

N/A

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.

N/A

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	P25-compliant SLERS radios for the sheriff and Fire Rescue, along with 911 dispatch consoles, equipment, interfaces, software services, and programming, will integrate Gadsden County into the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio Communication System. These upgrades will ensure seamless, interoperable communication among first responders within the county and across the region.	3,536,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,536,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will equip Gadsden County Sheriff, Fire Rescue, and 911 Dispatch with dependable, P25-compliant interoperable radios to strengthen coverage and coordination across the county, region, and with state and federal agencies during disasters and critical incidents. These upgrades will improve responder safety and support more effective mutual aid to neighboring communities.

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



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The project will deliver secure, reliable SLERS radio communications that enable first responders to respond quickly and accurately to emergencies within the county while also supporting mutual aid coordination with state and federal users.

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

Once completed, the upgraded systems will enable first responders in Gadsden County to deliver faster, more accurate, and effective responses to emergency service requests.

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

This project will serve Gadsden County's residents, along with local businesses, schools, and visitors. By improving emergency communications, it will ensure faster, safer responses to protect the entire community while also strengthening mutual aid for surrounding areas and travelers through the county.

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

The expected benefits provided by the implementation of this project include improved communication for sheriff, Fire Rescue, and emergency services with P25-compliant equipment, improving coverage and interoperability, and reduced response times. Outcomes will be measured by tracking response times and incident resolution.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables would result in a return of funding to the state.

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#:

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)?



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- ☐ 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

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number



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