



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1998

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Drone as First Responder 2.0 (DFR 2.0) is an advanced version of DFR technology that uses automated drone docking stations, enabling rapid, remote, and autonomous drone deployment without the need for human observers on the ground for Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) operations. This system aims to provide enhanced situational awareness and safety for public safety agencies by reducing costs, expanding operational periods, and allowing for quicker response times, ideally with a single operator overseeing multiple missions. DFR program can reduce costs and expand operational period.

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	225,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	225,000

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)	225,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	75,000	25%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	300,000	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

11/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/31/2027

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

City of Titusville would budget for the recurring costs/maintenance associated with this technology

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.

City of Titusville/Titusville Police Department

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	All funds will be utilized implementing this program, consisting of software and hard goods	225,000
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)		225,000

13. Program Performance

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

This can reduce costs and expand operational periods by allowing public safety agencies to reallocate public safety resources.

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



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Can provide a technology-driven approach to increase efficiency and effectiveness when responding to calls for service. When a call comes into the emergency center, dispatchers and pilots can initiate a drone mission to respond to the scene before ground personnel arrive. In less than 90 seconds, teleoperators (and those within a real time information center) can have a visual of an accident scene, crime in progress or even simple calls like parking complaints.

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

This live, real time information can be relayed to field personnel and provide critical updates, such as a suspect leaving a scene and the direction they are headed. It will be particularly valuable and versatile for search and rescue operations, offering aerial perspectives to speed up resource allocation/reallocation, improving situational awareness while providing faster and well informed information for best case decision making to ultimately support the department's mission to protect and service the community.

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

The entire city of Titusville would be the target population, to include residents and visitors.

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

Providing a way to give real time updates to increase efficiency and effectiveness while responding to calls for service.

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?

Should the City of Titusville not utilize the funding allocated by the State of Florida to fund and meet the deliverables of the project, the City of Titusville will be required to return the funding to the State of Florida.

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:



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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

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

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