



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 3721

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Complex will serve as Florida's premier, state-of-the-art, multi-agency training and simulation complex designed to prepare emergency personnel, first responders, public safety professionals, and others for large-scale disasters. The Complex combines realistic disaster situations with advanced technology, enabling hands-on training, research, and coordination exercises across all phases of emergency management including preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	25,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	25,000,000

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)	25,000,000	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	25,000,000	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? Yes
- 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



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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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 12/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/1/2027

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

Funding from grants and research that will be done at the complex.

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	The acquisition, development, infrastructure, and construction of a 50-60 acre Disaster Academy Preparedness Complex facility.	25,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		25,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The Complex will serve as Florida's premier, state-of-the-art, multi-agency training and simulation complex designed to prepare emergency personnel, first responders, public safety professionals, and others for large-scale disasters. The Complex combines realistic disaster situations with advanced technology, enabling hands-on training, research, and coordination exercises across all phases of emergency management including preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

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

Disaster preparedness, response, recovery, mitigation, and training through disaster simulations and exercises to enhance the safety and security of Floridians.



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

The activities and services will enhance the safety and security of Floridians by adequately preparing and training emergency personnel, first responders, public safety professionals, and others for large-scale disasters, as well as provide educational experiences to students.

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

Florida citizens affected by natural disasters.

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

A multidisciplinary training and simulation complex that will train students, emergency personnel, first responders, public safety professionals, and others to prepare for and respond to large-scale disasters. Students will receive professional degrees, certification programs, ensuring practical, immersive and real-world experience. Additional training, response, coordination, testing, adoption of new safety techniques and technologies, and improved skills, speed, coordination, and collaboration.

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?

Return of funds to the State of Florida.

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?

- 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



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- Yes, Received
- No
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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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