



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Employment Sites program funding approval of a sum not-to-exceed \$275,000.00 to the National Forensic Science Technology Center at the Florida International University for the purchase and installation of a shared Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility.

### **Recommended Action**

Approval of a sum of not-to-exceed \$275,000.00 to the National Forensic Science Technology Center at Florida International University for the purchase and installation of a shared Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (Multi-Use SCIF).

- On July 13, 2021, the Board conditionally approved Employment Sites program funding in the amount of \$183,655.00 to fund the purchase and installation of a Multi-Use SCIF in unincorporated mid-County.
- During due diligence, the vendor for the Multi-Use SCIF informed Pinellas County Economic Development staff that the price had risen to \$200,213.00 and would continue to rise until a purchase is made.
- The funding agreement will be on a reimbursement basis based on the actual purchase and installation cost of the Multi-Use SCIF.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.1 Proactively attract and retain businesses with targeted jobs to the county and the region

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

### **Summary:**

At the Board's July 13, 2021 meeting, funding for a Multi-Use Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (Multi-Use SCIF) was conditionally approved in the amount of \$183,655.00. During due diligence, the vendor for the Multi-Use SCIF informed Pinellas County Economic Development staff that the price had risen to \$200,213.00 and would continue to rise until a purchase was made. A not-to-exceed amount of \$275,000.00 will ensure adequate funds are available for the purchase. The funding agreement will be on a reimbursement basis based on the actual cost to purchase and install the Multi-Use SCIF.

### **Background Information:**

The first application cycle for the Employment Sites Program opened on January 11, 2021 and closed on March 11, 2021. The National Forensic Science Technology Center at Florida International University (NFSTC@FIU) applied for funding for a Multi-Use Sensitive Compartmented Information

Facility (Multi-Use SCIF). NFSTC@FIU proposed to purchase and install the Multi-Use SCIF within their existing space at the National Forensic Science Technology Center. A SCIF is a U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) accredited installation where sensitive compartmented information may be stored, used, discussed and/or electronically processed or viewed. DOD and government contractors use a SCIF to look at information specific to their contract. A “multi-use” SCIF means that multiple agencies and businesses can utilize the facility at different times.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Total Maximum Expenditure - \$275,000.00

Funding to support the recommended application is budgeted in the County's Capital Improvement Program, funded by the Local Infrastructure Sales Surtax (Penny for Pinellas) in project 004149A Penny IV Economic Development Capital Projects. This funding is from the Penny for Pinellas countywide investment for Economic Development Capital Projects and Housing.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

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**Partners:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

Project Summary Sheet

CIP Budget Tracking Document