



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**  
**FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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April 25, 2024

Superintendent LaShakia Moore & County Administrator Heidi Petito

RE: SRD FSA Survey

Dear Superintendent Moore and County Administrator Petito:

When Sheriff Staly learned of the SRD funding discussion, he asked the Florida Sheriff's Association (FSA) to refresh a survey that was done in 2018 by FSA on cost-sharing. At that time the average BOCC subsidy for the SRD program averaged 50% of the total costs.

Forty-four of 66 Florida Sheriff's Offices submitted responses to the survey. According to the updated survey, completed in April 2024, the average BOCC subsidy is 37% with the school district on average paying 61% of the SRD costs. The responses ranged from BOCC contributions of zero to a high of 97%.

The survey indicated the percentage of school District funding for SRD programs ranged from 100% to none. Only six counties reflected a funding partnership involving three entities.

Currently the shared cost between BOCC (50%), Flagler District Schools (40%) and the City of Palm Coast (10%). The survey did not go into detail of the actual revenue streams used such as ad valorem, Florida safe schools funding, etc.

I have attached the survey for your review and hope it helps in your discussions on equitable cost sharing to keep our children and faculty safe in our schools. As you know the Sheriff's Office is developing its FY2024-25 budget, which is due to the BOCC by 5/30/2024. Please advise us if there are any changes to the cost-sharing formula. Otherwise, the Sheriff's Office will be submitting its budget using the existing formula.

Sincerely,

**RICK STALY**

**Sheriff**

Mark Strobidge

Chief of Staff

Attachment

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| <b>County<br/>Na+A4+A1:E3<br/>9</b> | <b>What percentage of the cost<br/>of the SRD does your county<br/>fund?</b> | <b>What percentage of the cost<br/>of the SRD does your school<br/>district fund?</b> | <b>What percentage of the cost<br/>of the SRD does any other<br/>entity fund (i.e. a city within<br/>your county)?</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Alachua                             | 50%  | 50%   |  |
| Baker                               | 0%   | 100%  |  |
| Bradford                            | 40%  | 60%   |  |
| Brevard                             | 26%  | 66%   | 8%   |
| Charlotte                           | 50%  | 50%   |  |
| Citrus                              | 53%  | 47%   |  |
| Columbia                            | 40%  | 46%   | 14%  |
| DeSoto                              | 35%  | 65%   |  |
| Dixie                               | 19%  | 81%   |  |
| Flagler                             | 50%  | 40%   | 10%  |
| Gilchrist                           | 60%  | 40%   |  |
| Gulf                                | 10%  | 90%   |  |
| Hardee                              | 35%  | 65%   |  |
| Hendry                              | 53%  | 47%   |  |
| Hernando                            | 27%  | 73%   |  |
| Highlands                           | 50%  | 50%   |  |
| Hillsborough                        | 50%  | 50%   |  |
| Jackson                             | 25%  | 75%   |  |
| Lafayette                           | 5%   | 95%   |  |
| Lake                                | 24%  | 76%   |  |
| Lee                                 | 48%  | 40%   | 12%  |
| Leon                                | 50%  | 50%   |  |
| Levy                                | 36%  | 64%   |  |
| Liberty                             | 0%   | 100%  |  |
| Madison                             | 30%  | 70%   |  |
| Manatee                             | 50%  | 50%   |  |
| Martin                              | 37%  | 61%   | 2%   |
| Nassau                              | 25%  | 75%   |  |
| Okaloosa                            | 50%  | 50%   |  |
| Okeechobee                          | 45%  | 55%   |  |
| Orange                              | 50%  | 50%   |  |
| Pinellas                            | 50%  | 50%   |  |
| Putnam                              | 25%  | 75%   |  |
| Sanra Rosa                          | 25%  | 75%   |  |
| Seminole                            | 50%  | 50%   |  |
| St. Johns                           | 30%  | 70%   |  |
| St. Lucie                           | 97%  | 0%  | 3%   |
| Suwannee                            | 43%  | 57%   |  |
| Taylor                              | 20%  | 80%   |  |
| Union                               | 15%  | 85%   |  |
| Volusia                             | 45%  | 55%   |  |
| Wakulla                             | 42%  | 58%   |  |
| Walton                              | 64%  | 32%   | 4%   |
| Washington                          | 14%  | 64%   |  |
| <b>Average %</b>                    | <b>37%</b>   | <b>61%</b>  |  |