



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2253

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Digital Forensic Unit (DFU) at the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) conducts critical, time sensitive investigations of digital evidence recovered during criminal investigations for all local and many regional, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Each year the cases double. BSO is investing significant resources to add investigators, but desperately needs funds for workstations, software, and a cloud-based platform to improve evidence tracking and collaboration with prosecutors.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	525,821
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>525,821</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	525,821	54%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	454,415	46%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>980,236</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	505,481	1248	Yes

9. Is future 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.

Local funding and possible grants

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning   
  Design   
  Construction

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?

12. 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.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Network Evidence Storage Expansion = \$160,000; Cellebrite Physical Analyzer licenses: \$4,500/ea x5 = \$22,500; Magnet Forensic AXIOM licenses: \$4,500.00/ea x5 = \$22,500; ATLAS case management licenses: \$1,200/ea x5 = \$6,000; GoToMyPC licenses: \$170/ea x10 = \$1,700; Sharefile licenses: \$300/ea x5 = \$1,500; Origin Examination Desktop Computers: \$5,200/ea x5 = \$26,000; Laptops: \$4300/ea x5 = \$21,500	261,700
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Initial Purchase Cloud Platform set up: AzureGov set-up: \$36,825.28; REVIEW Platform set-up: \$21,875.00; Azure Services & Support: \$80,420.88; REVIEW Service & Support: \$125,000.00	264,121
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>525,821</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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

The Digital Forensic Personnel at Broward Sheriff's Office will use this technology to enhance their capacity to protect public safety and add more personnel to meet the growing need. The cloud based technology will also provide investigators with the ability to more accurately and efficiently store and examine digital forensic evidence during criminal investigations.

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

The Digital Forensic Unit within Broward Sheriff's Office will be able to conduct more accurate and efficient investigations of digital evidence and better meet the growing demands relating to local, regional, state and federal law enforcement criminal investigations and prosecutions.

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

The target population to be served are all victims of crime with investigations conducted by local, regional, state and/or federal law enforcement who use the BSO Forensic Unit. Victims may include seniors, families, children, working people, disabled, students, and many others.

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

1. Increase security and auditing capabilities during evidence review by 90%; 2. Obtain a 2-week turnaround time for initial review by 90% of submitted evidence; 3. Reduce time of evidence being transferred from the Digital Forensic Unit to the end user by 50%; 4. Reduce hardware requirements of computers used by evidence reviewers by 50%. Outcomes will be measured through monthly reviews of user and case security configurations and audit logs, monthly comparison of submission to initial production times, monthly review of initial production to initial user views times and bi-annual review of system requirements between manual and cloud-based review.

**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 the contract?**

Standard FDLE penalties such as repayment of funds.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

**c. Organization Type**

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Law Enforcement

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**