



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2269

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Tallahassee MSA designated by the Office of Management and Budget and used by the U.S. Census Bureau for statistical purposes consists of Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla Counties. Leon County is more densely populated and urbanized than its three Tallahassee MSA neighbors and is home to Florida's Capitol, multiple institutions of higher learning, historic sites, parks, museums, hotels, restaurants, as well as many massage parlors, and the US 27 and I-10 corridors. LCSO proposes expanding its locally-funded services by implementing a dedicated law enforcement unit committed to combating fentanyl/opioid overdoses within the Tallahassee MSA and creating a task force using an existing collaborative agreement between the four sheriffs. The LCSO Fentanyl/Opioid Unit (FOU) would incorporate investigative collaborations across law enforcement and corrections disciplines to ensure that proper resources are allocated to make a meaningful impact on the regional problem.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	349,130
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	349,130

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	349,130	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 2024-2025	349,130	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.



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

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
 N/A

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
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: Other		
Salary and Benefits	2 FTE - Fentanyl/Opioid Detectives @ \$94,740 per FTE *includes FICA, Medicare, over-time pay, life insurance, FRS, health insurance, Workers Compensation, and liability insurance	189,480
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	2 FTE F/O Detectives: Computer @ \$2,500/FTE; Cell Phone @ \$400/FTE; Software \$1,500/FTE; Training/Travel/Certifications @ \$1,000/FTE; Uniforms, Equipment, Weapons, Radios @ \$19,425 per FTE; Fully equipped, unmarked law enforcement vehicle @ \$55,000/FTE.	159,650
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)		349,130

14. Program Performance



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

Fentanyl and other dangerous opioids kill tens of thousands of Americans annually. The drug trade and associated firearms crimes take too many lives in Florida each year. Such crimes are solved through the initiation of drug investigations and the service of search warrants. LCSO proposes implementing a dedicated law enforcement unit and regional task force to combat fentanyl & opioid overdoses within the Tallahassee MSA using an existing collaborative agreement between the four sheriffs. The LCSO Fentanyl/Opioid Unit (FOU) would incorporate investigative collaborations across law enforcement and corrections disciplines to ensure that proper resources are allocated to make a meaningful impact on the regional problem. Opioid abuse is a complex social ill. Due to a lack of dedicated detectives, fentanyl/opioid cases are not currently being effectively investigated, and it is difficult to estimate with any degree of accuracy how many potential victims might be protected.

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

Allotted funds would be used to implement a dedicated law enforcement unit and regional task force to combat fentanyl & opioid overdoses within the Tallahassee MSA by assigning two full-time detective positions. Services provided by these detective positions will include:

- o Investigate crimes involving fentanyl and other dangerous opioids.
- o Coordinate with neighboring law enforcement agencies to exchange information about trends.
- o Engage with state and federal task forces.
- o Ensure overdose data is shared with public health officials and the public.

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

Direct services to citizens would include, but not be limited to, criminal investigative services, missing persons recovery, increase in victim identification, and victim services/programs referrals through existing LCSO referral processes which utilize a community wellness portal to promote diversion from reoccurring crises. Direct services may extend to the identification/referral of local diversion programs for victimized youth in contact with the juvenile and family court systems who are at risk for fentanyl/opioid abuse due to past or current crime victimization. Existing and new technology will be used to enhance LCSO's direct services capabilities.

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

Fentanyl/opioid offenders and victims of all ages. The entire population of the Tallahassee MSA would be served by this unit. Opioid abuse is a complex social ill. Due to a lack of dedicated detectives, fentanyl/opioid cases are not currently being effectively investigated, and it is difficult to estimate with any degree of accuracy how many potential victims might be protected. Statistics maintained by reputable sources give an indication of the problem's scope.

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

Citizens would have enhanced access to law enforcement resources to help break the cycle of victimization leading to reductions in recurrence, recidivism, and re-victimization. The FOU would lead inter-agency collaborations resulting in enhanced program impacts providing direct services, education, awareness, and referral services for victims, aiming to reduce the number of fentanyl/opioid incidents. LCSO would be better able to disrupt supply and demand for fentanyl/opioids and better focus on obtaining fentanyl/opioid-related convictions.

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?

Return of appropriations. Would be outlined in agency contract.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**



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16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number