



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2133

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 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	505,481
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	505,481

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	505,481	53%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	454,415	47%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	959,896	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.

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.

11. 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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Four (4) Cellebrite Physical Analyzer licenses: \$4,500/ each = \$18,000 Four (4) Magnet Forensic AXIOM licenses: \$4,500/ each = \$18,000 Four (4) ATLAS case management licenses: \$1,200/ each = \$4,800 Eight (8) GoToMyPC licenses: &170/ each = \$1,360 Four (4) Sharefile licenses: \$300/ each = \$1,200 Four (4) Origin Examination Desktop Computers: \$5,200/ each = \$20,800	241,360
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Initial Purchase Cloud Platform set up: AzureGov set-up: \$36,825.28 REVIEW Platform set-up: \$21,875.00 AzureGov Service & Support: \$80,420.88 REVIEW Service & Support: \$125,000.00	264,121
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		505,481

12. Program Performance

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

Provide the Digital Forensic Unit highly trained specialized personnel at BSO with a secure cloud-based platform to improve the speed, accuracy, and security of critical digital evidence tracking and examination during criminal investigations and prosecutions.

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

Broward Sheriff's Office Digital Forensic personnel 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 the 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?



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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 of 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, 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.

13. 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.

No fixed capital outlay. All resources will be used by the Broward Sheriff's Office and appropriate staff.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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) Law Enforcement

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number