



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1559

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will directly support the Northeast Florida INTERCEPT Task Force, whose mission is to investigate and assist with the prosecution of child exploitation and human trafficking cases. The funds will allow the Task Force to create and use a victim identification and forensics lab, a mobile forensics lab and server, password decryption silo, and on-site forensics/interview van. These facilities include the most effective and efficient tools that law enforcement needs to save more children and survivors of human trafficking.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,529,703
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,529,703

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)	1,529,703	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 2023-2024	1,529,703	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

No



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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
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	One victim identification and one forensics lab, a mobile forensics lab and server, password decryption silo, and onsite forensics/interview van	1,529,703
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)		1,529,703

14. Program Performance

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



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Child sexual exploitation and human trafficking are two of the most underprosecuted and underinvestigated crimes due to lack of resources for law enforcement. The Northeast Florida INTERCEPT task force is solely dedicated to collaboration with law enforcement partners and nonprofits to prevent, investigate, and prosecute cases related to child sexual exploitation and human trafficking—crimes involving the most vulnerable people in our communities. This one-time appropriation will provide the task force with critical operational technology and equipment that it needs to save more children and trafficking survivors.

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

The Northeast INTERCEPT task force has a governing board that will ensure the proper expenditure of the requested funds. The fund will be used to serve the community through law enforcement's increased capability and capacity to investigate and assist with the prosecution of child sexual exploitation and human trafficking crime.

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

Every citizen will benefit from law enforcement's increased ability to work these crime types as any child is a potential victim and, with this funding, law enforcement will be better prepared to prevent and respond to child sexual exploitation crimes and use the allocated resources to prevent and interrupt human trafficking networks.

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

The funds used to support law enforcement's efforts will support every citizen in Northeast Florida, particularly the counties with INTERCEPT task force representation, such as Clay, Putnam, and St. Johns County. Every citizen will benefit from the more efficient use of law enforcement resources and safer communities.

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

This funding will increase law enforcement's ability to investigate and prosecute child sexual exploitation and human trafficking cases. As a result of more efficient resources, law enforcement will be able to rescue more children and human trafficking survivors. In addition to the INTERCEPT task force data, each county keeps data on every investigation, arrest, indictment, and prosecution.

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 contract penalties are sufficient.

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)

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