



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1598

1. Project Title Smart Justice Data Transparency and Crime Strategies Unit

2. Senate Sponsor Ileana Garcia

3. Date of Request 02/02/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The State Attorney's Office, 11th Judicial Circuit (SAO 11), seeks funding to develop a Smart Justice Strategies Unit (SJSU). The SJSU will connect the various data silos in MDC's criminal justice system and other public institutions for the purposes of improving transparency, identifying areas of critical need, further developing SAO 11's data-driven and evidence based practices, and creating a more efficient, effective, strategic, and fair system. The SJSU will identify crime risk factors in the community and evaluate all aspects of the system including: current laws and processes, investigations, civil citations, arrests, intake, our use of risk assessments, release decisions (ie. bail/bond, pre-trial services, etc.), diversionary programs (including treatment courts), and sentencing practices. The SAO SJSU will document the SJSU's work (including all scripting) so it may be used as a statewide model and allow for easy replication.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Justice Administration

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	573,800
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	573,800

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)	573,800	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	573,800	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?



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No

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

Through Miami-Dade County, we received nearly \$200,000 in IT related items such as Zoom licenses and necessary software and PPE and cleaning related items.

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	N/A. Chief Assistant State Attorney Stephen Talpins will serve as the project head.	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A. SAO 11 will staff the project internally.	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	(3) Data science workstations - \$4,500 x 3 = \$13,500; (3) Docking stations - \$500 x 3 = \$1,500; (6) Reference monitors - \$800 x 6 = \$4,800; Computer peripherals and accessories - \$1,500; (3) GIS Application licenses - \$4,000 x 3 = \$12,000; Geocoding credits - \$120,000; Enterprise Data publishing platform licenses - \$100,000; Business intelligence application licenses - \$20,500; ETL/data pipeline tools - \$80,000; Cloud services - \$120,000; Community engagement tools - \$100,000.	573,800
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)		573,800

14. Program Performance



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

The requested funds will allow SAO 11 to develop a Smart Justice Strategies Unit that will connect the various data silos in MDC's criminal justice system and other public institutions for the purposes of developing a data portal providing increased transparency; (2) allowing SAO 11 to analyze community/environmental data relating to known risk factors; and (3) draw defensible, data-driven conclusions to better deter criminal activity, rehabilitate offenders, save revenue, and inform the public.

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

The SJSU will compile and analyze community and criminal justice data, identify opportunities for improvement, and develop business intelligence dashboards to intuitively present key performance indicators to the public. The systems developed with grant funds will be fully documented to allow similar institutions across the state to replicate them at minimal cost.

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

SAO 11 will use the data and insights to identify ways to better direct our limited resources, determine who can be diverted/rehabilitated and who must be incarcerated, improve our diversion programs, and facilitate more effective, strategic, and fair prosecutions. SAO 11 will use the Smart Justice Data Portal to provide a direct service allowing internet users to download and review aggregate data and SAO 11's analysis.

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

The target population served by this project is the 2.7 million members of the Miami-Dade County community. The insights gained by analyzing the data will allow SAO 11 to better serve and protect the community, particularly crime victims. The public data portal will be free to use and provide a direct service.

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

The SJSU will create a dashboard that it can use to analyze past and current data and identifying trends. SAO will use the data to identify areas of need and opportunities for improvement. Tangible outcome measures include: the implementation of a dashboard and changes to SAO 11's allocation of resources and programming, along with a public data portal.

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?

Release of funds based on failure to meet project milestones.

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



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☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☒ Other (please specify) State Agency

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