



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2873

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Develop a technological solution that accelerates and assists law enforcement operations through digital forensics (DF) in today's time constrained operating environments. The goal is to introduce a State Guard Digital Forensic Centers of Excellence that assists, advises, and inter-operates with law enforcement in DF operations to include the extraction, normalization, and analysis of smart phones, feature phones, computers, tablets, SIM cards, USB media, memory cards, and hard drives. The digital forensic load experienced by large and small police department field operators will be decreased through the development of a unified solution that allows law enforcement to interface with legally acquired data ensuring that all citizens rights are protected and that criminals are prosecuted quickly, accurately, and safely. This advancement in the modernization of how Florida protects its citizens will be key for policymakers to continue to gain the trust of its people.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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	1,500,000	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?

No

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	Responsible for providing guidance to the agency and uniformed personal on the investigations, analysis, and defensible workflow and methodologies to support law enforcement in human trafficking. This person is an experienced Cellebrite contractor who supports the program.	100,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Providing instructors, material, and hardware to support the program for 1 year. Instructors will be subject matter experts in human trafficking and digital forensics and will provide a structured program to the agency on how to properly identify and mitigate human trafficking, child exploitation, and drug trafficking in the state.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Cellebrite shall provide individuals that support the daily operations of uniformed personal within the scope of work and assists in the analysis of data and or trouble shooting of equipment.	200,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cellebrite shall provide the following to the agency to support the Digital Centers of Excellence (1 year) Provide Cellebrite Regional Capabilities to include chainalysis, publicly available information, analytics licenses for analysis, servers to support operations, digital evidence management systems, and all computers/forensic machines.	500,000



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Cellebrite in partnership with Exodus Road provides quarterly task force training to the State Guard, Florida National Guard, and/or law enforcement on digital forensics with a focus on human trafficking, child exploitation, and counter-narcotics.	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Facility to support the Digital Forensic Center of Excellence.	100,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

Innovations in technology are designed for "good," but the reality is that criminals discovered long ago that digital technology is the key to exploiting new areas of opportunity. Crimes involving drug and human trafficking, organized crime syndicates, and domestic and international terrorism are all on the rise. Cellebrite is the leader in digital forensics and will help defeat these crimes.

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

Criminal cases now include digital evidence as part of the investigation. Florida is currently the third state ranked nationally as the worst in human trafficking. While technology is seen as the answer to the growing digital challenges, devices are becoming more sophisticated and the number of sources that must be examined to find actionable digital evidence continues to increase and is causing a burden on law enforcement. The State and/or National Guard equipped with Cellebrite capabilities and Exodus Road training can help relieve this burden on investigative timelines of law enforcement investigators and assist significantly with fight against human trafficking.

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

Crime is on the rise, so the number of cases law enforcement is investigating is growing. Cases today are also far more complex. At the same time, law enforcement staff numbers are decreasing as budget cuts and retirements take their toll. Criminals are also becoming far more tech savvy, leaving many agencies to play catch-up as they try to retrain existing officers or recruit new ones with stronger technical skills. Public scrutiny has also made the average officer's job more challenging, and others are simply leaving the police force for jobs in the private sector which leaves agencies to wrestle with doing more with less. The State Guard and National Guard equipped and trained in digital forensic will help protect citizens by accelerating investigations.

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

Statewide.

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

Cellebrite and Exodus Road together cultivating a partnership with the State Guard and/or Florida National Guard to support law enforcement by utilizing digital forensics as a tool to fight human trafficking.

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 funding.

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