



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1315

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Florida Organized Retail Crime Exchange (FORCE) currently exists and is administered under the Office of the Attorney General. FORCE is a public/private partnership that was formed to facilitate cooperation between retailers, law enforcement and prosecutors in the fight against organized retail crime. This project will provide funding needed to operate and maintain a statewide intelligence sharing platform in support of FORCE.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	120,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	120,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	120,000	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 2025-2026	120,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	120,000	1354	No

9. **Is future-year 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.**

Working alongside of the Attorney General, we would be required to pay out of our own funds at FRF.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. 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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits	Administrative functions of website data and operation.	20,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds to be utilized to contract with statewide trade association who's membership is comprised primarily of retail companies to maintain, service and administer a state-wide intelligence sharing platform.	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		120,000

13. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose to be achieved is to protect Florida retailers and retail customers from the violence and financial costs that result from organized retail crime (ORC). The goal is to provide the Office of the Attorney General and law enforcement agencies throughout the state, the tools needed to successfully prevent, combat and prosecute ORC cases.

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



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The funds will be utilized to contract with a third-party vendor to host an intelligence sharing platform in support of the Florida Organized Retail Crime Exchange (FORCE). This platform is currently being utilized by 383 retail users and 641 law enforcement users. The purpose of the program is to support a public/private partnership (FORCE) to exchange intelligence in the fight against organized retail crime (ORC). The goal is to continue to identify ORC offenders and trends, and successfully prosecute cross-jurisdictional cases of ORC.

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

Services will directly support citizens working in law enforcement and retail asset protection, and help ensure the safety of Florida's retail employees, costumers and stores.

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

The FORCE intelligence platform is currently utilized by retailers, state and local law enforcement agencies, local prosecutors and the Office of the Attorney General. Currently, users include over 383 retail users representing 120 retail companies and 641 law enforcement users representing 125 agencies.

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

We expect the project to promote increased collaboration and intelligence sharing between law enforcement agencies and private retail establishments resulting in decreased retail theft and successful prosecution of cross-jurisdictional organized retail crime cases. The outcome will be measured by monitoring of data sharing analytics and documentation of successful case prosecutions that are facilitated or assisted by use of the platform.

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 in the contract?

Termination of the contract.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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) State Agency

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.