



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2861

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Florida's courts are facing a serious backlog, especially following HB 837 (2023). Filings are up 232%, trial timelines stretch past two years, clerks and judges are scrambling to keep up. Learned Hand delivers a comprehensive, AI-powered judicial operating system designed to help Florida's courts process high caseloads efficiently, consistently, and at scale. This includes tools that support all of the key pieces of the judicial workflow: analysis, research, drafting, and reviewing legal work. To show Learned Hand's impact, we propose a pilot in 2–3 high-volume Florida circuits—the places hit hardest by HB 837's fallout. We'll embed our secure AI operating system into real judicial workflows, testing their ability to clear backlogs and restore efficiency.

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

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)	500,000	33%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,000,000	67%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,500,000	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		

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.
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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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	Salaries for the support of dedicated software and data engineers	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds system integration, AI tuning, training, and security.	400,000
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)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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

Florida's courts are drowning. The case surge following HB 837 (2023) hit like a tidal wave—filings up 232%, trial timelines stretching past two years, clerks and judges scrambling to keep up. Learned Hand delivers a comprehensive, AI-powered judicial operating system designed to help Florida's courts process high caseloads efficiently, consistently, and at scale.

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



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Working in conjunction with the judiciary, we will provide new software and AI-enabled tools that help to maintain the integrity of judicial output while sustainably address the new pace and fervor of judicial work. Tools include: The AI Law Clerk- a tool that surfaces key facts fast., helps find the right precedent, generates first drafts of written content for judges to edit, and flags contradictions, errors, and inconsistencies. Additional Case Management features pull filings and precedent with real intelligence, not keyword guesswork, give judges a clean, structured view of what matters, lock down permissions, keep workflows secure, and let courts move cases forward without friction.

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

Citizens will see their cases resolved with rapidly increased efficiency- they'll experience fair and speedy decisions on their legal complaints, instead of spending years and countless expense in legal limbo.

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

The target population is all citizens impacted by the surge of filings and backlogs across Florida's judiciary- between more than 481,000 individuals in backlogged immigration courts, and another 1 million backlogged cases (primarily civil) impacting other areas of Florida's judiciary.

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

Judges will spend less time managing cases, and more time deciding them. We will measure success by several key metrics such as the change in average time-to-decision per case, and the total caseload processing increases.

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?

If contract deliverables are not met, funding will not be provided by the agency. We will set deliverables on a schedule- we shouldn't get paid unless we meet mutually specified deliverables timelines.

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 infrastructure)

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)

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.