



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2961

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Project funding is requested for design of a new 26,400 square foot state-of-the-art building for local law enforcement. Currently, crucial property and evidence are stored in 3 different buildings at 3 different locations. To accommodate the growing volume of property and evidence, along with meeting modern evidence management practices, a new building to streamline workflow and organization is necessary.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	985,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>985,000</b>

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)	985,000	5%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	18,176,000	95%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>19,161,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

Local revenues and other grants

### 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)?** No

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** 02/02/2026

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 05/31/2027

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

Local revenues

**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.**

City of Gainesville

**12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design costs to include structural, landscaping, paving/grading, and drainage plans; additional stormwater management and building permitting fees	985,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>985,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

State investment into the new building will facilitate streamlined workflows and will allow for organized storage, easy retrieval, and efficient processing of evidence, which is critical for timely investigations and prosecutions to accommodate the growing volume of property and evidence.

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



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Design will center on enhancing public confidence through transparency and accountability, increasing transfer efficiency, and automating chain-of-custody reporting. Further, this project will ultimately enable us to know what is entering and exiting our evidence vault, and reduce theft and losses. In addition, it will promote efficiency in case resolutions and resource management.

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

Property & Evidence divisions play a vital role in maintaining public trust and ensuring justice through preservation of evidence and chain-of-custody. Citizens involved in legal cases can trust the system when evidence is meticulously documented. Also recovered property can be returned in a timely manner to citizens.

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

- \* Officers, investigators, attorneys, recovered property for citizens
- \* Victims of crime
- \* Currently or formerly incarcerated persons

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

The expected benefit or outcome of this project is to meet modern evidence management practices for timely prosecutions. This will be measured through the reduction of timing to process critical investigations.

**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?**

We are confident that we will meet the stated outcomes and deliverables. No penalties are suggested.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**  No

**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:**

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



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- Yes, Applied
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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

d. Phone Number



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