



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2982

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The proposed AI and Machine Learning Laboratory will assist the Strategic Investigations Division and multiple inner agency task forces to better anticipate and counter new threats to public safety in Broward County. It will focus on the latest advancements in AI and ML technologies for statistical investigations, field investigations, threat detection, and developing algorithms. This new technology will allow the Broward Sheriff's Office to collaborate with their law enforcement partners to deploy Investigative techniques to identify and prevent a broad arena of public safety threats, including narcotics, money laundering, terrorism, Internet crimes against children, human trafficking, Internet financial fraud, and gang activities locally and statewide.

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	371,434
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	371,434

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)	371,434	71%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	151,144	29%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	522,578	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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	2 LAMBDA servers \$153,998; 3 workstations \$33,747; 2 LLM software packages \$23,800; 1 Lica field scanner \$28,190; 720TB storage server \$45,495.53; 1 3D Printer \$32,549.07; 1 laser engraver \$23,437; 2 CNC machines \$20,182; 1 storage for equipment \$5,835; 3 IP cameras \$7,047.	367,234
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	AI Cloud Service to be used for storage for confidential data.	4,200
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		371,434

13. Program Performance

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



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The Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Laboratory will assist the Strategic Investigations Division, Real Time Crime Center and multiple task forces to better anticipate and counter new threats to public safety in Broward County. The lab will focus on the latest advancements in AI and ML technologies to enhance statistical investigative techniques, field investigations, threat detection through the development, testing and use of algorithms and machine learning models.

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

The lab will work with disciplines across the Broward Sheriff’s Office and law enforcement partners to deploy the most advanced investigative techniques to identify and prevent a broad arena of public safety threats including narcotics, money laundering, terrorism, Internet crimes against children, human trafficking, Internet financial fraud, and gang activities.

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

Enhanced public safety through successful interventions/arrests.

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

The almost 2 million residents and estimated 14 million visitors to Broward County.

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

Number of successful interventions/arrests across a wide variety of criminal investigations enhanced by statistical investigative techniques, environmental mapping and threat detection made possible by the use of algorithms and machine learning models.

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?

The Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Laboratory represents the next step in law enforcement investigation techniques. Penalties should include a thorough report on the challenges and failures of the project to assist other law enforcement agencies that choose to engage with AI and Machine Learning technology.

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#:



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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)?

- 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



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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