



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3141

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project will create an advanced, scalable and effective AI-based monitoring tool for law enforcement to combat the demand for human trafficking activity by monitoring and analyzing buyers' on-line search behaviors. Additionally, the Center will establish a Joint Law Enforcement Training Program to provide ongoing training opportunities for law enforcement in newly developed technology and detection tools.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operating | 1,840,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,840,000 |

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) | 1,840,000 | 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 | 1,840,000 | 100% |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

No other available funding source.

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 | These funds would support the hiring of a full-time Executive Director, Director of Research, Director of Education, Director of Community Outreach, Survivor Liaison, Administrative Assistants, and student workers for the Center's "Florida Doesn't Buy It" initiative to combat the demand of human trafficking. | 800,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs | | |
| Salary and Benefits | Staff resources to develop a buyer beware: toolkit for disrupting human trafficking; developing and testing the AI tool for law enforcement; prepare a study on buyer demographics; create an alert system for law enforcement; develop law enforcement training. | 990,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Expenses, equipment, travel and supplies necessary to effect the deliverables in developing a buyer beware: creating a toolkit for disrupting human trafficking; developing and testing the AI tool for law enforcement; preparing a study on buyer demographics; creating an alert system for law enforcement; developing law enforcement training. | 50,000 |
| 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) | | 1,840,000 |

13. Program Performance

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



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

The outcome objectives for this initiative include (1) developing a monitoring tool, (2) providing actionable intelligence to law enforcement and NGOs, (3) raising awareness and educating among potential buyers to mitigate and stop before it happens, and (4) ensuring the tool can be adapted for use across different disciplines and on-line platforms.

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

Same as (a) above: (1) developing a monitoring tool, (2) providing actionable intelligence to law enforcement and NGOs, (3) raising awareness and educating among potential buyers to mitigate and stop before it happens, and (4) ensuring the tool can be adapted for use across different disciplines and on-line platforms.

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

At-risk youth, crime victims, vulnerable women and children, and tools and training for state and local law enforcement.

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

Combating human trafficking activities; developing and implementing an advanced AI-driven solution for Law enforcement; providing actionable intelligence to help identify and prosecute buyers and support victims; educating potential buyers to mitigate and stop the purchase before it happens, and promoting safe on-line behaviors. Measurements: reduction in victims and arrests; increased protection for women and girls (78% of victims).

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?

Cessation or return of state funding.

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#:



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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

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

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d. Phone Number

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