



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3356

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

4. Project/Program Description

The federal government appropriated \$5 trillion for response to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Florida's share was \$93.3 billion. It is estimated that around 15% of all COVID funding was stolen through fraud, which equates to about \$13.3 billion stolen in Florida. The Florida Fraud Prevention and Detection Center (FPDC) will provide Florida agencies with an enterprise wide system to identify and respond to fraudulent claims made by organized criminal groups and individuals. Response consists of claw back of stolen funds and/or criminal referral.

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	5,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	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	5,000,000	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.**

Portion of state's remaining allocation of Federal Covid 19 Pandemic Recovery Funding.

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	Funding will be used to establish and hire personnel to staff and operate the FPDC, to include Project Managers, Senior Consultant Coordinators, Data Integration experts, and Forensic Analysts.	4,125,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Data Platform and Advance Analytical Tools, \$600,000 Travel, Per diem and Operating Expenses. \$275,000	875,000
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)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

Providing state agencies with an enterprise wide solution to enhance current anti-fraud activities by developing a system that aggregates data for review and analysis. The combined data from all agencies administering grants and other public assistance activities will enhance the ability to identify organized criminal organizations and individuals stealing from multiple programs across agencies. The program will identify questionable applications, easing the review process for analyst.

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



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Enhance current anti-fraud measures currently used by state agencies managing grant programs and other public assistance activities. Establish an enterprise wide system of data required to identify and analyze suspected cases of fraud by organized criminal activities and individuals.

Increased recovery of funding stolen through fraudulent activities; detection and prevention of fraudulent activities; increase the amount of funding available to applicants in actual need of public assistance funding.

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

Prevention, detection, and prompt response to fraud perpetrated against state and federal public assistance programs, thereby, ensuring funding is directed to and for those as intended by legislation and individuals needs.

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

Persons and families in need of public assistance for essential needs.

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

Prevention, detection and appropriate response to fraud against public assistance programs. Increase the number of fraud cases identified and prevented. Increase funding available to individuals needing public assistance, through prevention activities and funding claw back activities. Agency reporting of fraud detection and prevention activities comparing previous time period to the current time period. Reporting of funds stolen through fraud, the value of funding recovered by prevention and detection activities.

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?

Payment withheld for specific service until deliverables meets expectations. 1% of total invoice value withheld as a penalty.

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):

COVID 19 Pandemic

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) Limited Liability Company

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

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.