



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3380

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Broward Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory is a national recognized leader in the forensic science community. The request will purchase equipment vital for the lab to remain at the cutting edge of forensic investigative work and meet growing requests from law enforcement partners. The equipment will assist with backlogs for both DNA and drug testing requests and will assist in linking shooting related incidents which could lead to the potential identification of the shooter. The request will also assist with compliance with F.S.S. 907.041(5)(d) and is part of a two year upgrade project begun in 2023 by BSO.

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	462,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	462,000

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)	462,000	40%
Matching Funds		
Federal	668,670	57%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	39,800	3%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,170,470	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		
2021-22	0	114,480	1244	No

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 DNA Capillary Electrophoresis Instruments \$280,000 Gas chromatography-mass spectrometer (GCMS) \$111,000 TopMatch-3D Gelsight based imaging system \$71,000	462,000
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)		462,000

13. Program Performance

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

The Broward Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory is a national recognized leader in the forensic science community. The requested equipment is vital for the lab to remain at the cutting edge of forensic investigative work and meet growing requests from law enforcement partners. The equipment will assist with backlogs for both DNA and drug testing requests and will assist in linking shooting related incidents which could lead to the potential identification of the shooter.

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



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The DNA Capillary Electrophoresis Instruments will allow multiple plates to be loaded into the system doubling the capacity to run samples simultaneously and decreasing turnaround time for DNA results. GCMS will improve processing time to determine chemical composition and identification of seized narcotics. The TopMatch-3D Gelsight based imaging system will assist in linking shooting related incidents which could lead to the potential identification of the shooter.

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

Forensic services are provided by the BSO Crime Lab to the entirety of Broward County law enforcement and outside county agencies upon request. Decreased turnaround time for requests, updated methodologies, and the clearance of request backlogs will improve investigations, arrests, and prosecutions leading to Improved public safety.

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

The almost 2 million residents and 14 million annual visitors to Broward County and those persons impacted outside of the county who are served by outside county law enforcement agencies who request the lab's services.

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

Decreased turnaround time for requests, updated methodologies, and the clearance of request backlogs will improve investigations, arrests, and prosecutions. The turnaround time and arrests made possible by each will be monitored as well as the clearance of back logged requests.

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?

Forfeiture of funds.

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:



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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

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