



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3468

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Victim notification systems provide transparency, empowering victims with the information they need to make informed decisions about their safety and future. The expansion of the Florida VINE system's capabilities to include proactive text, email and portal access from the initial point of contact with law enforcement, through incarceration, prosecution and post-release will ensure crime victims remain fully aware of the status of their case and the perpetrator of their crime. The system will also provide access to bi-directional real-time communication with law enforcement and applicable criminal justice agencies and include a survey tool to gauge victim satisfaction.

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	3,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	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	3,000,000	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		
2024-25	2,000,000	0	701	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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	To provide implementation and ongoing support while maintaining the enhanced victim notification platform for Florida law enforcement, prosecutors, and the Florida Department of Corrections.	3,000,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Receiving prompt case updates and knowing an offender's status (e.g., release, transfer, escape) allows victims to take necessary precautions to protect themselves and their families. Being informed about an offender's whereabouts can help alleviate anxiety and uncertainty, allowing victims to regain a sense of control. Timely notifications enable victims to seek restraining orders, modify custody arrangements, or take other legal actions if needed. Victim notification systems allow victims to engage with victim services, law enforcement, or support groups when critical changes occur in an offender's status.

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

The enhancements shall provide proactive text, email, and portal access; provide access to bi-directional real-time communication with law enforcement and applicable criminal justice agencies; provide for automated multi-agency notification to be shared with partner agencies; and include a survey tool to gauge victim satisfaction. The system will create efficiencies for criminal justice agencies while enhancing victim services.

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

Citizens will begin to receive updates on the status from the initial 911 call for service and throughout the entire criminal justice process. This includes proactive proactive text, email, and portal access and real-time communication capabilities with law enforcement, ensuring communication regarding incarceration status is received timely and in a manner conducive to the victim's needs. Initial results of similar projects in other states are showing over a 99.5% of crime victims want to continue to receive case updates, exceeding the program expectations.

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

Victims of crime across the state.

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

This system will provide increased citizen engagement and transparency, empowering victims with the information they need to make informed decisions about their safety and future. Success will be measured through survey feedback and program metrics from crime victims and user agencies.

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?

Recoupment 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



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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)?

- 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.



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

- 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.