



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2627

1. Project Title Leon County Sheriff's Office Human Trafficking Investigative Unit

2. Senate Sponsor Corey Simon

3. Date of Request 03/06/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The Tallahassee MSA designated by the Office of Management and Budget and used by the U.S. Census Bureau for statistical purposes consists of Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla Counties. Leon County is more densely populated and urbanized than its three Tallahassee MSA neighbors and is home to Florida's Capitol, multiple institutions of higher learning, historic sites, parks, museums, hotels, restaurants, as well as many massage parlors, and the US 27 and I-10 corridors. LCSO proposes expanding its locally-funded services by implementing a dedicated law enforcement unit committed to combating human trafficking within the Tallahassee MSA using an existing collaborative agreement between the four sheriffs. The LCSO Human Trafficking Unit (HTU) would incorporate investigative collaborations across law enforcement and corrections disciplines to ensure that proper resources are allocated to make a meaningful impact on the regional problem.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Law Enforcement

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	499,489
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	499,489

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	499,489	84%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	93,333	16%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	592,822	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction

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?

12. 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.

13. 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: Other		
Salary and Benefits	3 FTE -Human Trafficking Detectives @ \$93,333 per FTE (includes FICA, medicare, over-time pay, life insurance, FRS, health insurance, Workers Compensation, and liability insurance)	280,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Equipment/Software/Hardware: Computer/Dock @ \$2,800/FTE; Cell Phone @ \$400/FTE; Software \$1,500/FTE; Training/Travel/Certifications @ \$4,000/FTE; Uniforms, Equipment, Weapons, Radios @ \$14,463 per FTE; Fully equipped, unmarked law enforcement vehicle @ \$50,000/FTE.	219,489
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)		499,489

14. Program Performance



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

LCSO proposes implementing a dedicated law enforcement unit committed to combating human trafficking within the Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) using an existing collaborative agreement between the four sheriffs within the MSA. The LCSO Human Trafficking Unit (HTU) would incorporate investigative collaborations across law enforcement and corrections disciplines to ensure that proper resources are allocated to make a meaningful impact on the regional problem.

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

Funds would be used to expand current human trafficking investigative services being provided by a locally-funded single detective position by adding three more full-time deputy/detective positions. Services provided would include, but not be limited to, criminal investigative services, missing persons recovery, and referral services for victims.

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

Direct services to citizens would include, but not be limited to, criminal investigative services, missing persons recoveries, increased victim identification, and provision of victim services/program referrals through the existing LCSO SPIRIT program, a community wellness portal used to promote diversion from reoccurring crisis. Referral of at-risk youth to local diversion programs.

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

UNABLE TO ESTIMATE EXACT INDIVIDUALS SERVED AS IT WILL BE A NEW PROGRAM.

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

Reductions in the number of human trafficking victims. LCSO human trafficking education and awareness is supported through various social media platforms, referral services, community outreach, community education, the LCDF Reentry and Inmate Programs, and the LCSO Department of Youth Services. Success will be measured by the number of human trafficking victims identified and referred for service and support. The HTU will provide direct services, education, awareness, and referral services for victims, aiming to reduce the number of incidents. Leon County will have a focused target for related convictions and have the tools to ensure that incarcerated offenders cannot continue activity.

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 the contract?

Standard penalties are appropriate. Return of appropriations.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization
b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- ☐ For Profit Entity
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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☐ 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number