



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Due Process Equipment for Trial Courts

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley

3. **Date of Submission:** 12/18/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This request provides due process equipment to directly protect the fundamental constitutional and legal rights of court litigants with Digital Court Reporting and Court Interpreting Services. The Digital Court Reporting system includes audio and video hardware and software to support service delivery of recording the official court record. Current Environment Courts utilize outdated hardware and software to create a digital record of the proceedings, presenting the risk of system failure. Many circuits report that equipment and parts are no longer available and that manufacturers have ended technical support for models purchased over 10 years of age. This mission-critical equipment is in use 365 days a year, sometimes for over 8 hours per day. Remote interpreting technology provides access to qualified interpreters remotely over a broader geographical area using audio/video technology, which allows pooling of limited resources for certified interpreters.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? State Court System

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
9,683,859		9,683,859

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 9,683,859

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

### 10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

### 11. Program Performance:

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

Purchase equipment associated with Court Reporting Services and Court Interpreting Services.

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

The equipment will provide the necessary services, ensuring that fundamental constitutional and legal rights for court litigants are preserved with Court reporting and Court Interpreting services. Court reporting is the process which creates and preserves a record of words spoken in court, and when necessary, provides their timely and accurate transcription in the event that an appeal is filed. The availability of court interpreting allows litigants to have the ability to fully participate in the court process and be linguistically present in all aspects of court proceedings.

#### c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Court Recording Equipment and Video-Remote Interpreting Equipment	9,683,859
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		9,683,859

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

The direct services include Court reporting and Court Interpreting services. Court reporting is the process which creates and preserves a record of words spoken in court, and when necessary, provides their timely and accurate transcription in the event that an appeal is filed. The availability of court interpreting allows litigants to have the ability to fully participate in the court process and be linguistically present in all aspects of court proceedings.

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

Court litigants of the Florida Court System. Number of people served is unknown.

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

The benefit and outcome of the project includes providing equipment that directly protects the fundamental constitutional and legal rights of court litigants.

**g. 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?**

Failures to meet deliverables will result in the standard penalties for the contracting agency or entity.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

N/A



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### **13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Jon Lin, Trail Court Administrator
- b. **Organization:** Marion County, Fifth Judicial Circuit Court
- c. **Email:** jlin@circuit5.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (352)401-6707

### **14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** State Court System
- b. **County:** Statewide, Marion
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - ☐ For Profit
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☐ Local Entity
  - ☐ University or College
  - ☒ Other (Please specify) State Court System
- d. **Contact Name:** Jonathan Lin
- e. **E-mail Address:** jlin@circuit5.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (352)401-6707

### **15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm:** None
- c. **Email:**
- d. **Phone Number:**