



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3553

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Organized Retail Crime Exchange (FORCE) currently exists and is administered under the Office of the Attorney General. FORCE is a public/private partnership that was formed to facilitate cooperation between retailers, law enforcement and prosecutors in the fight against organized retail crime. This project will provide funding needed to continue to operate and maintain a statewide intelligence sharing platform in support of FORCE.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	120,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	120,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	120,000	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 2024-2025	120,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	100,000	1983	No

9. Is future 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.

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.



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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
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

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	Administrative functions of website enrollment, monitoring, and operation.	30,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds to be utilized to contract with statewide trade association whose membership is comprised primarily of retail companies to maintain, service and administer a state-wide intelligence sharing platform.	90,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		120,000

14. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose to be achieved is to protect Florida retailers and retail customers from the violence and financial costs that result from organized retail crime (ORC). The goal is to provide the Office of the Attorney General with tools needed to successfully prevent, combat and prosecute cases of ORC.

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



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The funds will be utilized to contract with a third-party vendor to host an intelligence sharing platform in support of the Florida Organized Retail Crime Exchange (FORCE). This platform (as of last year) was being utilized by 257 retail users and 525 law enforcement users. The purpose of the program is to support a public/private partnership (FORCE) to exchange intelligence in the fight against organized retail crime (ORC). The goal is to continue to successfully prosecute cross-jurisdictional cases of ORC.

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

Services will serve the direct support of citizens working in law enforcement and retail asset protection.

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

The FORCE intelligence platform is currently utilized by retailers, state and local law enforcement agencies, local prosecutors and the Office of the Attorney General. As of last year, users include over 257 retail users representing 74 retail companies and 525 law enforcement users representing 115 agencies and 43 counties.

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

We expect the project to promote increased collaboration and intelligence sharing between law enforcement agencies and private retail establishments resulting in decreased retail theft and successful prosecution of cross-jurisdictional organized retail crime cases. The outcome will be measured by monitoring of data sharing and documentation of successful case prosecutions that are facilitated or assisted by use of the platform.

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?

Termination of the contract.

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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) State Agency

d. First Name Last Name



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number