



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3536

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This program will enable six sheriff's offices to partner with private DNA laboratories that have a minimum of five years of accreditation under ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and meet FBI standards. These laboratories will facilitate expedited DNA testing or utilize specialized forensic technologies and techniques that are not readily available in state or local crime labs. This program aims to enhance investigative efficiency, reduce case backlogs, and improve the resolution of criminal investigations through advanced forensic analysis.

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	2,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	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	2,500,000	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		

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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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	The department shall annually award to law enforcement agencies any funds specially appropriated for the grant program to cover expenses related to the testing of DNA samples in an expedited manner or to use a technology or technique not readily available at a state or local lab.	2,500,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will allow six sheriffs' offices to contract with private DNA laboratories who have a minimum of 5 years accreditation in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and FBI standards for testing of DNA samples in an expedited manner or using a technology or technique not readily available at a state or local laboratory.

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



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Funds will be used by law enforcement agencies to analyze and test evidence when the case in question requires expedited testing or testing using a technology or technique not readily available at a local or state laboratory. This will allow for better outcomes for victims and the swifter administration of justice.

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

The requested funding will enhance case resolution rates and enable law enforcement to effectively process cases that require specialized evidence testing. This will lead to more accurate investigations, improved public safety, and increased justice for victims and their families.

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

The target population served by this project is anyone who has been a victim of a crime, with an estimated 201 to 400 individuals expected to benefit from expedited DNA testing and advanced forensic analysis.

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

This project will enhance law enforcement's ability to generate investigative leads by supplementing DNA testing for high-volume crimes and cases requiring specialized techniques not available at local labs. The expected outcome is an increase in solved cases, leading to faster justice for victims of crime. Recipients will submit a report within one year detailing the funding received, the number of cases tested, and the types of testing used, which will help measure the impact and effectiveness of the project.

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?

If the program is discontinued or not completed, the contracting agency may require the return of funds.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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