



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1861

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Due to the City's recent growth, the city and its police department need to keep pace with the influx of added people, drivers, crime, etc. The city would like to update an array of its policing equipment, particularly a new closed-caption camera system and license plate reader system. This system would offer the ability to completely integrate with a CAD system delivering still images and video while police officers are traveling to a call, thus enhancing crime prevention and investigation, crime analysis and intelligence gathering, intelligence sharing with neighboring agencies, and enhanced situation awareness. Sweetwater would also benefit from a closed-caption camera system and license plate reader system. CCTV and LPR offer multifaceted advantages in enhancing security and law enforcement.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	850,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>850,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	850,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>850,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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	0	212,500	1177	Yes

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Acquisition of closed-circuit cameras that will cover 34 intersections in the city, 360-camera license plate readers and a 5-year internet, maintenance and repairs package.	850,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>850,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

Enhanced its policing capabilities with updated equipment, including a new closed-caption camera system and license plate reader system. These upgrades will improve crime prevention, investigation, and analysis by providing real-time integration with the CAD system. Additionally, they will support intelligence sharing with neighboring agencies and enhance situational awareness.

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



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This is a public safety initiative that will greatly improve the City of Sweetwater's Police Department's communications and coordinated response efforts of the department's resources and further strengthen the city's law enforcement response to its growing population and increasing public safety needs.

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

Improved delivery of public safety via faster response times, and crime deterrence as a result of smart/predictive technological aids. The long-term benefits in terms of enhanced public safety and efficient law enforcement justify their use of public funds. The CAD and RMS systems is a valuable use of taxpayer funds as it enhances public safety, improves operational efficiency, fosters accountability and transparency, supports data-driven decision-making, reduces administrative burden, improves public service through making records readily available and retrievable, and promotes integration and interoperability within the broader public safety ecosystem.

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

The general population of the City of Sweetwater, with approximately 25,000 residents in total will be served.

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

Reduced crime, augmented patrolling capacity and police presence, more collaborative efforts with other 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?**

Return of funds to the state.

**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:**

**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**



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- ☐ 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
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number



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