



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1989

1. Project Title Florida Organized Retail Crime Exchange (FORCE) Intelligence Sharing & Investigative Platform

2. Senate Sponsor Jonathan Martin

3. Date of Request 12/8/2025

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 enhanced communication and collaboration between retailers, law enforcement and prosecutors in the fight against organized retail crime. This project will provide funding needed to operate and maintain a statewide intelligence sharing and platform in support of FORCE.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Legal Affairs and Attorney General

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

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

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)	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 2026-2027	120,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2025-26	0	120,000	1230A	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 120,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Without state funding this service would not be attainable.

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	Administrative functions of website, program maintenance, and operation.	20,000
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 statewide intelligence sharing platform with untethered access by law enforcement across the state.	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		120,000

13. Program Performance

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

These funds will be used to administer technology that allows strengthened collaboration between retailers and law enforcement, by providing real-time actionable intelligence on organized retail crime offenders and criminal activity occurring in Florida's retail stores. This collaboration contributes to safer communities and safer shopping environments by reducing both property crime and the violence that often accompanies it. This tool helps law enforcement and prosecutors pursue more serious charges (e.g., felony theft, racketeering) rather than treating crimes as unremarkable isolated incidents.



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

Funds will be used to contract with a third-party vendor to provide and maintain an intelligence-sharing platform in support of the Florida Organized Retail Crime Exchange (FORCE). This secure platform currently supports collaboration among retail, law enforcement, and prosecutors with more than 1,200 users statewide. The program is designed to strengthen the public-private partnership between retailers and law enforcement through real-time intelligence exchange in the fight against organized retail crime (ORC). By centralizing data and facilitating cross-jurisdictional collaboration, this technology supports the successful investigation and prosecution of complex ORC cases that cross local and regional boundaries.

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

This service leads to enhanced public safety, and safe and secure retail environments by reducing violent incidents associated with organized retail crime. These services also protect consumer costs as retail theft drives up prices for consumers. By reducing ORC losses, the platform helps mitigate the "theft tax" that gets passed on to citizens in the form of higher prices. ORC networks are often linked to other crimes (drug trafficking, human trafficking, weapons offenses). Disrupting ORC contributes to dismantling broader criminal enterprises that threaten communities, employees, and even customers who may be caught in dangerous theft incidents.

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

The FORCE intelligence sharing platform is currently utilized statewide by retailers, state and local law enforcement agencies, local prosecutors, and the Office of the Attorney General. The technology is currently in use by over 1,200 users statewide representing over 150 retail brands, and 120 law enforcement agencies.

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

The project is expected to continue to foster increased collaboration and intelligence sharing between law enforcement agencies and retailers statewide 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 analytics and documentation of successful case prosecutions that are facilitated or enhances by the 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 in the contract?

Termination of the contract.

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



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☐ 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)?

☐ 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) State Agency

d. First Name Last Name



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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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