



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2008

1. Project Title Southwest Florida INTERCEPT Task Force (Collier, Lee, and Hendry Counties)

2. Senate Sponsor Jonathan Martin

3. Date of Request 12/8/2025

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Operation Light Shine (OLS) is requesting funding in support of the Southwest Florida INTERCEPT Task Force (Collier, Lee, and Hendry Counties), a public/private partnership in the fight against child exploitation and human trafficking. Funding supports the establishment and maintenance of a laboratory facility, investigative technology, and salary reimbursement to participating law enforcement agencies for assigned Task Force personnel. Currently, the project is funded through private OLS donations totaling \$840,000, made possible through the contributions of donors such as the Tim Tebow Foundation and other OLS supporters.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Law Enforcement

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	900,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>900,000</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)	900,000	75%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	300,000	25%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 900,000

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

Currently, the project is funded through private OLS donations made possible by donors. OLS is working to identify opportunities for federal 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	Salary replacement (reimbursement) for assigned law enforcement task force personnel. (In addition to prior year contributions totaling \$840,000, Operation Light Shine will provide 25% matching funds for the remaining amount required for salary replacement, totaling \$160,750)	482,250
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Facility lease & maintenance, furnishing, equipment, supplies, technology and associated licensing, and travel (In addition to prior year contributions of \$840,000, Operation Light Shine will provide 25% matching funds for the remaining amount required for expenses totaling \$139,250)	417,750
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>900,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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The TASKFORCE brings together local, county, state, and federal partners in a coordinated effort to combat child exploitation and human trafficking. These public/private resources will facilitate the investigation, charging, prosecution, and prevention of criminal activities.

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

Funding supports the establishment and maintenance of a laboratory facility, acquisition of investigative technology, and salary reimbursement to participating agencies for assigned law enforcement task force personnel. These public/private resources will facilitate the investigation, charging, prosecution, and prevention of criminal activities related to child exploitation and human trafficking.

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

These funds directly support local law enforcement in their public safety mission to combat child exploitation and human trafficking within the community.

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

The funds used to support law enforcement's efforts will benefit every citizen in Southwest Florida, particularly those residing in counties with INTERCEPT task force representation. Citizens will benefit from the more efficient use of law enforcement resources and safer communities.

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

This funding will increase law enforcement's ability to investigate and prosecute child sexual exploitation and human trafficking cases. As a result of more efficient resources, law enforcement will be able to rescue more children and human trafficking survivors. In addition to the INTERCEPT task force data, each county keeps data on every investigation, arrest, indictment, and prosecution.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

**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#:**



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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)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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