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\$500,000 State Appropriation for Digital Forensics Technology Center

Proposal Narrative

The Sumter Police Department's Digital Forensics Unit employs two (2) sworn law enforcement officers, and one (1) civilian employee trained and certified in the retrieval and parceling of digital data. The unit provides digital forensic investigative assistance to all area law enforcement agencies. While the department, fortunately, has been able to utilize some resources from general funding, fiscal constraints have made it difficult to fund the construction of a dedicated annexed structure to house the department's digital forensics technology operation.

21st century crime continues to involve cellular and other digital technologies at alarming rates. Multiple device data extraction has become the norm for successful investigative resolution of these cases. Evidence integrity is paramount in every criminal case. Digital crimes however provide unique challenges related to physical workspace, hardware and software requirements, and multi-agency collaboration. A dedicated, annexed facility will provide the department with an effective, long-term solution to these needs. Additionally, an annexed facility would provide space to house the departments newly purchased National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) system, a nationally recognized federal, state, and local collaborative forensic investigative tool.

All appropriated funds received by the Sumter Police Department are organized and overseen meticulously. Additionally, these funds are tracked by a City of Sumter Grant Accountant and Sumter Police Department Financial Analyst. Funds are organized by assignment of unique project identifier accounting numbers to ensure other funding streams are not co-mingled.