

Department New Request Form
Fiscal Year 2026

Program	Public Safety	Title of New Request:	Rank: 4
Department	Police	Acquire Digital Analysis Tool for Digital Forensics	
Request Category	Service Module Change		
Request Rating	Maintain Level of Service		
Department Goal	Community Safety, Health & Well-Being		<div># of FTE's in this request</div> <div>0.00</div>

1. How will request assist in achieving Department Goal and benefit the customer

The Missoula Police Department's Digital Forensics program would greatly benefit by acquiring an additional analysis tool. We currently utilize Inseynet, previously known as Cellebrite, as our sole extraction tool. Acquiring an additional tool would bring the department up to the industry standard by having a minimum of two extraction tools. This is needed to verify data quickly and much more efficiently with the ability to load the same data into both tools. This tool allows for a date range before any data is reviewed, this is not something Inseynet does until you build a report. In addition to improving the efficiency of work done by our Digital Forensics Examiner and ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Detective, this tool will enable the department to abide by expectations of the court and respect individual privacy rights. There have been recent court decisions that limit data relevant to the date range of the investigation and this tool will assist us in meeting this new precedent. This is an annual subscription.

In the calendar year 2024, our Digital Forensics Examiner downloaded 16 terabytes of data from various devices. Almost every crime against a person now involves an electronic device. These investigations may require a forensic examination of cell phones, tablets, smartphone watches, etc. Having as many tools as possible to enhance these investigations is important to provide good investigative materials for prosecutions.

2. What specifically is needed to achieve this goal?

Additional subscription for data analytics. In addition to the above Strategic Pillar, Strategic Pillar #4 - Organizational Excellence and Resilience applies...modernize information technology systems and effectiveness.

3. Cost Impact of New Program:

Account #	Item	Qty	Unit Cost	Requested One-Time	Requested Ongoing	FY 2026 Unfunded	FY 2026 Funded	Proposed FY 2027 Ongoing
Ongoing Expenses								
1000.290.420110.330	Digital analysis tool	1	6800		6,800	6,800	—	
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Expense Sub-Total				—	6,800	6,800	—	—

Revenue Offset:

Account #			Revenue Description	Proposed Onetime Revenue	Proposed Ongoing Revenue
1000	T		Tax funded	-	6,800
Revenue Sub-Total				-	6,800

4. What sort of data will be used to report results and outcomes of request?

	One-time	Ongoing
<i>Tax or Assessment</i>	-	6,800
<i>Non-tax</i>	-	-
<i>Fund Balance</i>	-	-
<i>Total</i>	-	6,800