



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3077

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project is the expansion of the UF/IFAS Southwest FL Research and Education Center (SFREC). This expansion would include enlargement of the auditorium capacity from 100 to 160 people to accommodate stakeholder education; replace the HVAC capacity, electronic capabilities, and storage; provide additional space and equipment to expand access to online learning for the 18 students at the center.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,435,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,435,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,435,000	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 2023-2024	1,435,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future 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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10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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REVENUE: \$76M DIRECT STUDENT AID & \$93M INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT; EXPENSES: 1) \$76M-DIRECT STUDENT AID; 2) \$93M-CAMPUS OPERATIONS: \$8.7M FOR IT INFRASTRUCTURE & EQUIPMENT FOR REMOTE/DISTANCE LEARNING; \$9.4M REIMBURSEMENTS FOR HOUSING/STUDY ABROAD; \$9.1M CAMPUS HEALTH/SAFETY; \$8.2M OTHER OPERATING/RESEARCH COSTS: STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH/BASIC NEEDS; \$57.6M FOR LOST REVENUES IN THE STUDENT UNION, EDUCATIONAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, PARKING, RESEARCH SERVICE CENTERS, MUSEUMS/PERFORMING ARTS CENTERS.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☒ Design ☐ Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e. permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

February 2022

12. 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.

UF IFAS

13. 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: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Expansion of auditorium at the Southwest Florida Research and Education Center	1,435,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,435,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The expansion would enlarge the auditorium. The room could be divided into three breakout rooms as well, providing flexibility and multiple meetings at the same time.

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

The construction of the UF/IFAS Southwest Florida Research and Education Center (REC) expansion will allow the REC to host more local residents, growers, and graduate students allowing for increased participation in research and education roles of the facility. It will also increase the availability of online education courses for students.

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

Expand availability of space and opportunity for education on the latest in science and technology as well as issues affecting the agriculture industry.

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

Southwest Florida Agricultural and related industries generate over 122,000 jobs in surrounding Collier County, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, & Glades counties.

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

The expansion would enable events to be expanded from 100 to 160 persons in the auditorium, allowing for increased participation in research and education roles of the facility. Currently, there are graduate 18 students at the center and the additional space and equipment would expand their access to online learning.

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 the contract?

Standard University Penalties

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

16. 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)



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d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number