



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2552

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The funds will be used to complete the remodel and construction of the Environmental & Oceanographic Sciences Research & Teaching Facility at the USF St. Petersburg campus. USF St. Petersburg is an ideal location for this facility due to the proximity to a hub of marine and environmental science partners, including federal and state agencies, municipalities, and private enterprise. The project will house the Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation. The facility will allow faculty, researchers, students, and staff to work collaboratively on degree programs and research in environmental and oceanographic sciences, including on flood mitigation and coastal resiliency. \$24.34 million in PECO funds were appropriated by the Legislature and approved by Gov. DeSantis towards this project during FY 23-24.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	35,918,370
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>35,918,370</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	35,918,370	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>35,918,370</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	24,339,226	18	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**  No

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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

Private philanthropic and carryforward funds can be used in support of this project.

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



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Yes

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

USF has received institutional COVID-19 assistance funding from the federal government but the funds we received could not be used for the construction new academic facilities as outlined in this request.

## 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    
  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?

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.

The USF Board of Trustees on behalf of the University South Florida St. Petersburg campus.

### 13. 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: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction manager, construction cost (building cost, environmental impact, site preparation, electrical service), other project costs (professional fees, building and fire permit fees, inspection services, surveys and tests, project contingency) as well as fixtures, furnishings, and equipment.	35,918,370
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>35,918,370</b>

### 14. Program Performance



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

The funds will be used for construction of the new Environmental & Oceanographic Sciences Research & Teaching Facility at the USF St. Petersburg campus. This project is designed to be phased with activities combining new construction and renovation efforts to most efficiently meet university needs. \$24.34 million in PECO funds were appropriated by the Legislature and approved by Gov. DeSantis towards this project during FY 23-24.

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

These funds will pay for facility construction of the remodel and new additional teaching laboratories, study space, campus support space, research laboratories and auditorium/exhibition space and associated fixtures, furnishings and equipment.

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

This facility will house individuals conducting nationally-renowned research in environmental and oceanographic sciences. High-achieving, cross-disciplinary USF students will be obtaining their degrees in marine and environmental sciences and other STEM undergraduate & graduate level programs offered within the facility.

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

University/college students and faculty. The >50,000 USF students can utilize this facility.

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

Expand undergraduate and graduate programs in marine and environmental sciences and other high-demand STEM areas at USF. Increased students graduating with high-demand undergraduate and/or graduate degrees to fill critical workforce needs. Increased marine and environmental science and STEM programs will produce additional graduates that can be placed in high-demand jobs. More job placements in environmental, oceanographic, marine and other science fields. Greater amounts of research contracts and grants expenditures and R&D productivity by USF in the marine and environmental sciences.

**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?**

This is a PECO facilities request overseen by the Board of Governors of the State University System according to their regulations and statutory oversight which provide by law the penalties for noncompliance.

**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)



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- 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**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**