



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** FIU Marine Research Hub of South Florida

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Rene Garcia

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/23/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

A collaborative effort to commercialize marine and oceanographic research that will result in economic development and job creation.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?
Department of Economic Opportunity

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
500,000		500,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	40,000	7.4%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	40,000	7.4 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 540,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.



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FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

\$500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

To increase the number, quality, likelihood, and timeline of technology transfer, spin-offs, and start-ups via the commercialization and monetization of marine and oceanographic research at FIU, FAU, NSU, and UM to benefit the Earth and positively impact the human condition.

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

Promote existing research being conducted, expose venture capitalists to research being conducted and investment opportunities, and host summits, conferences, and lectures to encourage university collaboration.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salaries will be used to hire a staff person to be responsible for the day-to-day operations, facilitate fundraising, file necessary reports, and update website	100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses will include attending meetings; operational costs (telephone, wifi, etc); reimbursements for travel. Equipment includes computers, printers, and general office supplies.	50,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services for the development and maintenance of a highly-secure online database of research projects for the exclusive use of Marine Research Hub participants.	350,000
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		500,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Job creation, increased commercialization of marine research to address ocean health, human disease treatment/cure, and food scarcity.

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

All Floridians.

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

Economic development: new businesses; job creation.

g. 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?



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Suspension of funds.

- 12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

N/A

- 13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- 14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** FIU: Marine Research Hub of South Florida
- b. **County:** Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☒ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
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- 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

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