



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2699

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this funding is to strengthen the statewide ecosystem fueling therapeutic innovation and biotech development and to cultivate thematic centers of excellence poised to address grand challenges in health research facing people in Florida and beyond.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	15,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>15,000,000</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)	15,000,000	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>15,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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 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    
  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.

### 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	Special category: 1. Strengthening the Statewide Ecosystem (\$4,200,000); 2. Cultivating Thematic Centers of Excellence (\$10,800,000).	15,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>15,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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

Funds will support cutting-edge medical research and the expansion of the biotech ecosystem in Florida.

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

Wertheim UF Scripps Institute laboratories apply expertise in chemical biology, structural biology, microbiology, immunology, neuroscience, and molecular medicine to advance drug discovery. The Institute has identified strategic opportunities to augment faculty expertise, broaden fellowship opportunities, jumpstart scientific innovation, enhance/expand SUS access to exceptional core facilities.

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

Researchers, students, Florida-based companies in the biotech sector, and those needing medical care.

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

Increased size and scope of federal grants, more biomedical economic activity, increase in cutting-edge medical research and better medical treatment for all.

**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?**

Return funding if deliverables not met.

**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