



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3234

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Expand the existing areas of applied research and provide valuable research on marine environmental biology, neuroscience, and biomedical research, as well as local environmental restoration and improvement of coastal water quality. Train the next generation of scientific talent.

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	1,200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

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)	1,200,000	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 2024-2025	1,200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years		712,310	138	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

none

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

Yes

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
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	Will fund new positions, comprising of four assistant professors, two associate professors, and four staff, who will expand the existing areas of applied research.	1,200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

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?

Training the next generation of scientific talent and providing cutting-edge bioscience, while tackling some of the most important environmental and future health questions that the state of Florida is currently facing.

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

Provide valuable research on marine environmental biology, neuroscience, and biomedical research, as well as local environmental restoration and improvement of coastal water quality.

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

University and college students, water quality, potential new drugs, and medical treatment. The number of individuals is immeasurable.

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

Research with an impact on Florida's ecosystems and human health.

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 penalties are sufficient.

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)

d. First Name **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number