



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3496

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

As the pace of technological innovation accelerates, it is incumbent upon higher education institutions to embrace technology and ensure we are preparing our students for the jobs of tomorrow. Therefore, FSW is seeking support to create an Institute of Innovation and Emerging Technologies (IJET) positioning FSW to be a leader in the implementation of new technologies as they develop.

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

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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	1,500,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

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.**

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

Yes



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

\$37,334,107- expand remote learning, build IT capacity to support remote learning, training faculty, cleaning and sanitizing supplies, changes in the delivery of instruction, reimbursements to students.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	State-of-the-art facilities and technology infrastructure, designed to facilitate collaborative research, learning, and industry engagement, including servers, networking equipment, and robust security measures to safeguard intellectual and personal data. Comprehensive hardware and software resources, ranging from computers and lab equipment to specialized software subscriptions, will be procured to support IJET's educational and research activities.	1,500,000
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)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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FSW aims to inspire learning, foster innovation, and form strategic partnerships using the Institute to empower human-driven solutions, while enhancing the college's ability and adaptability, as well as providing leadership in the Southwest Florida community and beyond.

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

State-of-the-art facilities and technology infrastructure, designed to facilitate collaborative research, learning, and industry engagement, including servers, networking equipment, and robust security measures to safeguard intellectual and personal data. Comprehensive hardware and software resources, ranging from computers and lab equipment to specialized software subscriptions, will be procured to support ILET's educational and research activities. Robust community outreach, including technology workshops, industry collaborations, and a public awareness campaign, aimed at boosting technological literacy and fostering partnerships. The development of a cutting-edge curriculum incorporating emerging technologies and future-forward skills trained aligned with both community needs and global technological advancements.

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

The institute will actively engage with our local community through workshops, seminars, and public awareness campaigns. This will educate citizens about emerging technologies, their potential benefits, and how they can be integrated into their daily lives. Additionally, the institute will enable us to provide specialized training and education programs to students in order to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to meet and exceed the growing demands of numerous industries that are regularly impacted by technological advancement.

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

The target populations served by this project are the students, faculty, authorized personnel, and the greater communities we serve through community outreach, including technology workshops and industry collaborations. That would include Lee County, Collier County, Hendry County, Glades County, and Charlotte County.

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

The college monitors student retention, graduation, job placement/continuing education, and earnings among other measures as part of accreditation and state-mandated reporting. The expected benefits and outcomes from this project are enhanced educational and skill development, increased opportunities for research and development with respect to emerging technologies and their roles in society, industry collaboration and partnerships, and robust positive community outreach to ensure the citizens of our community are in-the-know about emerging technologies and their roles in society.

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 not a contracted request.

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



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- 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**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number