



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2852

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This program focuses on a multi-pronged approach to addressing national security needs within Florida and beyond. First, the Florida Institute for National Security's (FINS) research capacity and academic research insights will be leveraged to drive national security innovation by producing state-of-the-art technologies and solutions that empower intelligence, law enforcement, and defense agencies. Second, the program will enable FINS to serve as a technical resource for the aforementioned entities by providing subject matter expertise and training in support of their respective missions. A robust national security talent pipeline will be created through specialized workforce development initiatives to address deficits in the national security workforce. Overall, this program will safeguard Florida and the nation by combining academic excellence with practical solutions to ensure a secure future for all.

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	8,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	8,000,000

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)	8,000,000	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	8,000,000	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? Yes

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?



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Yes

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

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.

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	Salaries and benefits for FINS support staff personnel, research scientists, technology developers, and program support staff.	3,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Institute equipment, computing resources, workforce development initiative expenses, technical exchange event expenses, clearable talent pipeline initiative expenses, strategic internal research and development (IRAD) initiatives expenses, and travel.	5,000,000
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)		8,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of this program funding request is to bring Florida to the forefront of national security innovation and talent development with impacts at national, state, and local levels. The specific program goals are to: 1) Position FINS for long-term federal funding in national security by supporting seed projects, infrastructure, and human capital that align with the needs of intelligence, defense, and law enforcement agencies; 2) Spur local patenting and entrepreneurship for the transition of trustworthy, defense-grade solutions to Florida's High-Tech Corridor and state/local law enforcement agencies; 3) Develop a robust, multi-disciplinary workforce that addresses the widely recognized talent deficit in national security by preparing qualified US citizens for roles in government positions that require security clearances and connecting them to appropriate intelligence/defense employers in the government and industrial base.

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

1) Growing the Institute's staff, principal investigators, and research scientists to increase research capacity; 2) Transitioning academic research into state-of-the-art national security technology solutions; 3) Conducting technical exchanges with intelligence, law enforcement, and defense organizations in support of their missions 4) Developing the national security workforce through education and training initiatives; 5.) Establishing collaborative partnerships with national security-related entities, including those from federal and state governments as well as industry.

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

Education, training, and job opportunities with local, state and federal entities, as well as the defense industrial base.

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

Florida taxpayers will benefit from the technologies that modernize and improve the efficiency of state/local law enforcement. All Florida residents will be safer due to the training, independent evaluations, and trustworthy, defense-grade solutions provided to state and local law enforcement agencies. The project's talent pipeline program with benefit job seeking students who are US citizens, veterans, and active military members as well as the intelligence/defense agencies looking to fill national security positions.

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

Outcomes: 1) Fill nationwide gaps in national security workforce; 2) Increase tech, data, and knowledge transfer with state/local law enforcement; 3) Stimulate Florida job growth in national security; 4) Obtain sole-source federal funding for FINS.

Measures: 1) Institute research expenditures and national security partnerships established.; 2) Number of projects and partnerships with state/local law enforcement; 3) Number of technologies transitioned to operation; 3) Number of invention disclosures, patents, and companies launched by FINS faculty and alumni; 4.) Number of individuals benefiting from workforce development initiatives.

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 contract 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



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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

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number