



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3636

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ensure every Gator receives reasonable accommodations to access all educational programs, facilities and activities associated with our excellent student experience. Our campus has a need for a new Disability Resource Center (DRC). UF has additional three identified needs: increase in accommodated testing (over 14,000 in FY23); increase in academic testing (assembly exams, exams required for graduation); and a need for access to testing for the campus and community (GRE, MCAT, NCLEX). UF feels that it is more strategic and causes less disruption to look at this unique opportunity to combine this with the new DRC.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	16,710,000
Total State Funds Requested	16,710,000

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)	16,710,000	57%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	12,450,000	43%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	29,160,000	100%

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?



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

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,

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

After design and total receipt of funding

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Two years.

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.

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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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	New construction of a premier testing building for students requiring accommodations, the general student population, and the general public seeking testing. The new DRC and testing center would be approximately 31,700 GSF of the shared building and would include low distraction spaces; separate testing environments; space for offices, study space, lockers and engagement environments. UF has determined that there is an economy of scale to plan a new testing center in conjunction with the DRC.	16,710,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		16,710,000



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14. Program Performance

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

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ensure every Gator receives reasonable accommodations to access all educational programs, facilities and activities associated with our excellent student experience. Our campus has a need for a new Disability Resource Center (DRC). We have three identified needs: accommodated testing has grown over the years (over 14,000 in FY23); academic testing (assembly exams, exams required for graduation); and a need for access to testing for the campus and community (GRE, MCAT, NCLEX). UF feels that it is more strategic and causes less disruption to look at this unique opportunity to combine this with the new DRC.

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

The new Disability Resource Center and testing center would be approximately 31,700 GSF of the shared building and would include low distraction spaces; separate testing environments; space for offices, study space, lockers and engagement environments. UF has determined that there is an economy of scale to plan a new testing center in conjunction with the DRC.

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

In addition to student testing services, the general public will have a location to take important standardized tests such as the GRE, MCAT or NCLEX.

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

The target population is students requiring accommodations during testing, general students, and the public, and the project expects thousands of test takers annually.

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

Success will be determined by number of students receiving accommodations in their testing, general testing for students, and number of community members who take standardized tests.

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?

None

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)



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- 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