



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1499

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is seeking \$15M in state funding to develop a SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION FACILITY (SCIF) at the Research Park. This 45,000 square foot facility will be designed with large complex industry and Department of Defense (DoD) projects in mind; providing for opportunities to collaborate with industry, various government agencies, and strengthen the ability for students to work on obtaining security clearances.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	15,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	15,000,000	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 2023-2024	15,000,000	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.

ERAU received \$47.9M in Higher Education Emergency Relief funds (CARES, CRSSA, ARP Acts), of which at least \$21.4M is for student emergency financial aid grants. As of 1/30/23, the University has used \$47.7M for their intended purpose and we will use all funds before the deadline. The University also claimed a \$270K employee retention tax credit under the CARES Act. While the credit has not yet been applied, the credits are based on a portion of qualified wages/health insurance expenses.

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Unknown

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Unknown

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.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

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	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is seeking \$15M in state funding to develop a SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION FACILITY (SCIF) at the Research Park. This 45,000 square foot facility will be designed with large complex industry and Department of Defense (DoD) projects in mind; providing for opportunities to collaborate with industry, various government agencies, and strengthen the ability for students to work on obtaining security clearances.	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		15,000,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The SCIF, containing an aluminum barrier, will block radio frequency and electromagnetic frequency interference to protect both classified & sensitive information. The facility will allow companies and agencies the ability to complete highly confidential & classified projects. This secured facility will also provide access to Taxiway Sierra. The taxiway access gives faculty and student unique opportunities to work on highly confidential and sensitive projects. Working with the Center for Aerospace & Aviation Safety, this partnership will promote global aviation & aerospace safety through the facility.

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

The addition of the Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility will strengthen the student and workforce experience by offering opportunities to work on sensitive projects. Students can obtain DoD Top Secret security clearance through these initiatives which strengthens their credentials post-graduation, entering industry.

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

Students will be given hands on educational opportunities to collaborate with industry. This cutting edge facility will also give students pathways to top secret clearance and careers in aerospace and aviation, which is critical to support Florida's economy.

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

University/college students; 2,000 annually

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

Create shared facilities and resources that enable collaborations and major proposals related to our select areas of research. This will be measured by the number of internships, opportunities for students, engaged students and high-paying jobs created.

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

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