



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2450

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding to conduct programs and research designed to expand uses of beef and beef products and strengthen the market position of Florida's cattle industry in this state and in the nation. The "Cattle Enhancement Board" (CEB) is a Direct Support Organization of the University of Florida. The Board is organized to promote research, education and scientific purposes issue relating to the Florida cattle industry, including production, disease prevention, forage development, and genetic research and technology.

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	4,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	4,000,000

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)	4,000,000	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	4,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	2,000,000	1477	No

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.

At least 14 other states have elected to enact an industry-supported "check-off" program, where the dollar amount per animal sold is collected and contributed for the same type program. Florida does not have this program.

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



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No

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

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)?

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	Audit; contract support from University of Florida.	25,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	University research and paid promotional projects	3,975,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

Research relating to production, disease prevention, forage development, and genetic research and technology improvements.

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



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The CEB is a 15 member board made up of 12 producers, two IFAS faculty members, and the State veterinarian, all appointed by the UF President. The board advertises for research proposals, then holds public meeting(s) to rank the proposals and fund them depending on research priorities and monies available.

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

This website contains the research projects that have been funded through the CEB since its inception:
<https://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/research-programs/cattle-enhancement-board/>.

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

Florida is the 12TH largest cattle state in the nation, and the 25th largest cow-calf ranches in the United States. Florida has 15 of them including the largest. Nearly 1/2 of all Florida's agricultural land is in cattle productions, with over 15,000 producers involved in all facets of the industry.

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

We expect research that will serve to increase production, disease prevention, forage development, and genetic research and technology improvements. Peers review in the typical standard used, many of the projects will have "on the ground" measures,. Annual audits of the CEB are conducted.

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?

Unmet deliverables are not funded.

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
e. E-mail Address



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