



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1536

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This request is to nearly double the available teaching lab space at the Microbiology and Cell Science building at the University of Florida. Students are limited in their ability to enroll in required microbiology labs due to the current classroom size not meeting the demand. The approximately 4,540 square feet of new space will add 72 seats to the University's teaching laboratory inventory campus. Currently 5,730 students are enrolled in majors that require at least one microbiology lab. There are 17 degrees and 38 concentrations require the use of this laboratory for graduation.

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	2,750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,750,000</b>

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)	2,750,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>2,750,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	2,750,000	18	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.

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.

Revenue: \$76M direct student aid and \$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 reimbursements for housing/study abroad; \$9.1M campus health/safety; \$8.2M other operating/research costs and student mental health/basic needs; \$57M for lost revenues in the student union, educational business activities, parking, research service centers, and museums/performing art centers.

## 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?

February 1, 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

March 1, 2025

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.

UF/IFAS

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of approximately 4,540 SQ FT of microbiology teaching laboratory.	2,750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,750,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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

Increase of the microbiology teaching laboratory space will provide the ability to meet demand for STEM students at the University of Florida. The top five majors require the use of the lab. There are 5,730 students currently enrolled in majors that require the use of the laboratory.

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

Increased ability to serve student needs.

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

The target population is UF students. There are 17 degrees and 38 concentrations require the use of this laboratory for graduation. Currently 5,730 STEM students are enrolled in majors that require at least one microbiology lab.

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

Increase the number of students served.

**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 penalties for the state university system.

**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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number