



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3182

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The purpose of this funding request is to leverage the University of Florida's Research Service Center (which currently supports the research, education, and public service missions of the university through a multi-user, multi-tool facility) to create a new program in semiconductor education, semiconductor workforce development, industry partnerships, and other related programs to make the state of Florida more competitive in the growing chip manufacturing and advanced technology sectors.

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	30,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	30,000,000

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)	30,000,000	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	30,000,000	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?**

Yes



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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 Health/Safety \$8.2M Other Operating/Research costs: Student mental health/basic needs; \$57.6M for Lost Revenues in the student union, educational business activities, parking, research service centers, museums/performing arts 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)?

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	Hiring plan includes support for a full-time external affairs director to facilitate industry engagement, support for four full-time equivalent Engineer III positions, four full-time equivalent Engineer II positions, one assistant engineer position, and on financial support position.	1,714,770
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds will be used to purchase and install advanced semiconductor characterization and process instrumentation (\$25,000,000). Funds will also support course development and execution, a new technician shadowing program, continuing education and training programs, and other related programs (\$3,285,230).	28,285,230
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)		30,000,000



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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?

These funds will help purchase the latest in semiconductor technology, build programs around these new assets, and train the next generation of Florida's workforce in high-wage, high-demand jobs.

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

These funds will support education, workforce development, and research.

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

Student users, workforce trainees, academic partners, and industrial partners.

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

The success of this program will be measured in students taught and placed in the industry, actionable research insights, and growth in Florida's chip manufacturing industry directly related to these expected partnerships.

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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity



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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