



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3528

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Develop Florida PROACT (Program for Resilient Ocean Areas CommuniTies) program. Expand pre- and post-disaster services across Florida, build rapid disaster response capabilities, expand research outcomes in the Florida Institute for Built Environment Resilience (FIBER) to benefit all Florida communities, and expand the Fire & Emergency Services (FES) program to include a college-wide 3-semester post professional master's program in Resilience and Disaster Response.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,750,000

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)	1,750,000	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	1,750,000	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?** No

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)?

No

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	Costs include a three new assistant professors, three research faculty, four graduate assistants, and part time support for academic, action and research leads.	1,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	One-time expected costs include lab equipment for housing fabrication and material labs, computer equipment for faculty and students, funds to reimagine office space in the ground floor of Design Building and tools for post-disaster assessment work (\$500,000). Costs include computer, robotic and other needs, travel support, and tuition support for student workers (\$250,000).	750,000
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)		1,750,000



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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?

AI and other advanced computation, policy and planning research, methods of community engagement, advances in building technologies, flood risk assessment and modeling tools. Development of a master's degree program in Resilience and Disaster response, as well as a focus on measurable change in Florida communities before and after by providing effective activities and services.

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

Bridge gaps between emergency management, response, long-range planning, and eventual construction that currently hampers rebuilding efforts and long-term resilience during Florida's hurricane season. Increase the capacity of FIBER and FES to work in Florida communities before and after a natural disaster.

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

Faculty, Masters/PhD students, researchers, emergency responders, local officials, with an expected population the hundreds.

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

The ROI to the state could be measured in terms of Florida communities that have access to state-of-the-art technologies, planning and design resources, and alignment with implementation funding streams in addition to new students in the field of emergency planning and management.

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