



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2036

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	10,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	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	10,000,000	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 and \$93M Institutional Support; Expenses: 1) \$76M Direct Student Aid; 2) \$93M-Campus Operations: \$8.7M-IT Infrastructure and Equipment for remote/distance learning; \$9.4M-Reimbursements 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

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	Physician Director for the Quality and Patient Safety Institute	350,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Chief for Quality Safety Academy; 3 FTEs for Faculty Educators for the Quality and Safety Academy; 1 Project Manager for the Academy; Chief for the Research Center for Artificial Intelligence and Quality and Patient Safety; 3 FTE faculty, 1 human factors engineer, 1 systems engineer, 1 project manager, 2 data scientists, State FL Fellowship Director for Quality, Patient Safety and AI Training.	4,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	4 fellowships offered in a competitive nature for applicant candidates who are healthcare providers in Florida; for this fellowship, which involves year-long support for salary and benefits, travel to UF COM campus (fellow salary and benefits for the year-long program; project support for the year), Faculty Quality and Patient Safety Fellowship Director; administrator support. Competitive Grants.	3,650,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	UF Information Technology expert support for data management, dashboard creation, project management tools, build for web-based portal to education fellows across the state, web-based academy platforms for online learning, Quality Improvement Research Storage Resource; UF COM CME Office for CME support for the Quality and Patient Safety Academy, National CME meeting in the state.	2,000,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0



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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)		10,000,000

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?

The UF College of Medicine seeks to develop and implement a series of National Excellence Initiatives: programs to train current and future healthcare providers—on campus in Gainesville and statewide—in AI, quality, value, and patient safety, and to advance research in those areas using UF’s unique strengths to inform evidence-based practice for practitioners and policymakers.

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

With the state’s top-ranked College of Medicine and as the only AI University in the country, UF is uniquely positioned to advance these initiatives, ensuring that Florida is known for an AI-enabled workforce with access to talented students, physicians, and nurses trained in leading-edge methods and able to converse, apply, and contribute to advances in healthcare.

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

In partnership with UF Health, education and training services could benefit residents in all 67 counties.

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

The proposed initiatives-Quality and Patient Safety Academy, Center for AI and Implementation Science, Fellowship Training and Student Scholars Programs, BioMedical Artificial Passport Program-will ensure Floridians have access to talented students, physicians, and nurses trained in leading-edge methods and able to converse, apply, and contribute to advances in healthcare. This proposal includes a hybrid fellowship program for healthcare providers, with both experiential work in UF’s healthcare system and in-person and web-based education on the fundamentals of quality, patient safety, population health, value, and the patient experience; and a full in-state tuition scholarship for two medical students, directly assisting workforce. Success methodology would include the number of students, physicians, and nurses trained through the various programs; more efficient use of resources, reducing healthcare waste; and the number of advances in quality, patient safety, and value research.

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?

Suspension of future funding.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



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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

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number