



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1397

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Upgrading the service that USF provides to veterans, military families & first responders on each campus. Phase I (~\$6M) will fully fund renovations and additions to the existing Office of Veterans Success at USFSP as well as new technology and other upgrades at the existing USFSM office. Phase II (~\$4M in Year 1) will fund initial design for the construction of a new USF Veterans, Military Families & First Responders Service Complex at USF Tampa that will also serve USFPD and as the campus EOC.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	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 2024-2025	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.

Authorized State University funds and private philanthropic funds can be used in support of this project with legislative approval.

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.

USF has received institutional COVID-19 assistance funding from the federal government but the funds received cannot be used for the construction of a new facility as outlined in this request.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

FY24-25

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

FY27-28

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.

The University of South Florida Board of Trustees.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used for remodeling and adding to the Special Services Building (SVB) on the USF St. Petersburg campus to house the Office of Military and Veterans Success, the upgrading of technology for the USFSM campus veterans office, and the design and initial construction for the USF Military, Veterans and First Responders facility on the USF Tampa campus.	10,000,000
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?

USF will use the funds for the design, planning and construction of remodeled and new facilities on the USF Tampa and St. Petersburg campuses for our student veterans, ROTC and first responders as well as upgrades to the S-M campus' existing office. Funds will include upgrades for facility access and mobility issues serving disabled and other student veterans.

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

USF will remodel an aging facility on the USF St. Petersburg campus to materially expand the resources, and offerings for our military connected students. Funds will be used for the design & initial construction of a new facility on the USF Tampa campus to co-locate our student veterans, ROTC and first responders and include a range of wrap-around services for academic, advising & employment needs.

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

University and college students, specifically veterans and military-connected students and first responders. USF has over 8,000 military connected students that will be served, along with our first responders.

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

USF is a national leader in veteran student success and committed to providing world-class facilities, resources, services and needs impacting over 8,000 military-connected students and first responders at USF. Additional services provided will help military-connected students to graduate on time and seek meaningful employment in high-demand areas. This support and commitment to our military-connected students increases our student retention and graduation rates, thereby generating a greater return for state taxpayers. Improve building access and mobility issues for disabled and other veterans on and around our campuses. Better enrollment, persistence and graduation rates by student veterans, including disabled student veterans, and military dependent students.

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?

This is a PECO facilities request overseen by the Board of Governors of the State University System according to their regulations and statutory oversight which provide by law the penalties for noncompliance.

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



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- 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