



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1395

1. Title of Project: Florida Memorial University Distance Learning Center

2. Senate Sponsor: Oscar Braynon

3. Date of Submission: 01/31/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Florida Memorial University is requesting funds to establish a Distance Learning Center, which will provide needed expertise and advice in 1) the creation of new online courses; 2) the preparation of a Prospectus for offering greater than 49% of a program online (fully online) for approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	701,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	298,500
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	100.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other		0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,000,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Program Director to manage and execute the activities	125,000



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Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Four student assistants to assist in the Center	36,000
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	25 laptops/personal computers; required accessories; software and licenses	165,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Instructional Design Consultant, Database Integration Consultant, Blackboard Assessment Consultant, Accreditation/Substantive Change Consultant, 20 Faculty Online Course Developers, and 20 Faculty Online Course Reviewers	375,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovation of existing spaces into Distance Learning Center and Distance Learning Course Development Lab.	298,500
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Position Florida Memorial University to be able to offer a minimum of one complete program fully online and to increase the number of online courses available to current and potential students.

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

a. Twenty courses will be developed and submitted to the Academic Council for approval for online delivery b. A Prospectus for a substantive change will be submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges for offering greater than 49% of at least one program online.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

20 new online courses and at least one online degree program

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

High school students, university/college students, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth; >800

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

More citizens will have access to online courses and programs. The number of online courses will be counted before and after implementation, along with enrollment. A Prospectus for SACS-COC will be developed.

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 in the contract?

None.



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12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Same—Private, Not-For-Profit University, Florida Memorial University

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Florida Memorial University
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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