



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1895

- Title of Project:** University of South Florida-St. Petersburg - Joint Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies
- Senate Sponsor:** Jeff Brandes
- Date of Submission:** 02/18/2019
- Project/Program Description:**

Recognizing its vital importance to the State of Florida, the Joint Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies preserves and promotes the Gulf via cost-effective collaboration and rapid response among academia, government, and industry in the areas of marine and life sciences. The Institute will create an infrastructure for collaboration through a dedicated staff focused on identifying innovative joint opportunities, developing collaborative agreements, and facilitating communications among organizations and to the public. The Joint Institute would facilitate resource sharing, and data gathering and management. This would provide the foundation to enable rapid response to emerging or critical issues related to the Gulf, such as red tide, coral restoration and aquaculture. Finally, the presence of the Joint Institute would serve as a catalyst for economic development through research commercialization, education and workforce development programs.

- State Agency to receive requested funds :** Board of Governors

State Agency Contacted? No

- Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	3,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	3,500,000

- 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)	3,500,000	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	3,500,000	100.0%

- Has this project previously received state funding? Yes**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		100,000	143	No

- Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes**



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 2450000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Full time Executive Director, serves as the face of organization to the public and public officials, liaises with leadership and representatives from partner organizations, and establishes the organization's strategic direction.	150,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Full Time Director of Operations supports the ED and oversees day-to-day administration and operations, including establishing collaborative agreements, applying for grants, communications and outreach and organizing events.	120,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operating budget to to conduct outreach, including informational panels, workshops, conferences, including space rental, A/V, web site, event management, and travel for participants	140,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Economic Development Coordination	90,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Observation Technologies: \$250K (equipment), \$250K (O&M); Oceans and Human Health: \$500K; Florida Coastal Waters Mapping: \$1M; Aquaculture: \$800K (aquarium), \$200K (O&M)	3,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Recognizing its vital importance to the State of Florida, the Joint Institute preserves and promotes the Gulf of Mexico via cost-effective collaboration and rapid response among academia, government, and industry in the areas of marine and life sciences.

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

Communications and outreach to the public and officials on Gulf issues; collaborative strategic planning to anticipate emerging crises or events, and ensure rapid and effective responses; gathering and managing shared data; creating collaborative agreements that allow sharing of facilities, equipment, and personnel; fostering innovative research.



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

USF faculty and students, blue and green industry, and state and federal partnering organizations invested in marine and life sciences will benefit from innovative collaborations made possible by the Joint Institute. The public will benefit from innovative collaborative research that preserves and promotes the Gulf.

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

The life and marine science working community in St. Petersburg is estimated to be approximately 3,000 people, but fostering research capacity and innovation in these sectors will benefit USF students and faculty. Additionally, economic development in this area will help the state and regional economy.

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

Increased public understanding on issues facing the Gulf and factors affecting human health in coastal communities; increase in research capacity, economic development, innovative collaboration and solutions to crises or challenges facing the Gulf and its coastal communities.

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?

Revocation of funds and declination of future funding.

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.

University of South Florida St. Petersburg would receive funds.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** University of South Florida St Petersburg
- b. **County:** Pinellas
- 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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