



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2645

1. Title of Project: FAMU/Brooksville Agriculture Research, Education and Training

2. Senate Sponsor: Bill Montford

3. Date of Submission: 02/22/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

FAMU is requesting \$1.71 million to start-up funding for the Brooksville site to support and enhance agriculture research and technology transfer of new farming techniques to small farmers in the local community and around the state. This investment will help contribute to the State's workforce and innovation goals, and support enhancement to the agriculture industry.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,719,136
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	1,719,136

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)	1,719,136	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,719,136	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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 1,500,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	4 Farm Technicians 1, at \$50,000/year; Grant Writer 1 at \$75,000/year; Research Data Manager 1 at \$50,000/year; Researcher Plant Science 1 at \$105,000/year and; Researcher Animal Science 1 at \$105,000/year.	535,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	10 tractors, tools, and equipment for personnel and weather station • Feed lot trough covering for \$18,500 • Livestock and Herds of Cattle, Goats, and Sheep for \$83,000 • Crop Demonstration Projects for \$45,000 • Grass control/eradication \$15,000	1,109,136
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	• Construction, Small Ruminant Barn for \$75,000	75,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,719,136

11. Program Performance:

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

The goal is to enable FAMU to develop the Brooksville Agricultural and Environmental Research Station of becoming an outstanding research and education center that serves the nation and the state of Florida through innovative research projects with industry partners, quality education and experiential learning to students and the community, and providing solutions to stakeholder problems as we continue our Land-Grant mission of training future scientists, professionals and leaders.

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

The activities and services are to conduct innovative multidisciplinary research that will lead to the discovery and advancement of scientific knowledge and transfer of new technology to stakeholders - students, industry partners, community and the citizen of Florida for their economic, social and physical wellbeing through classroom teaching, seminars, workshops, summer camps, and other outreach activities.

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

The services to the citizens will include consultations on technical matters on sustainable agriculture, food security, food safety, and business management; seminars, workshops, and training sessions for students, local farmers, and residents; field and site visits, and demonstrations of new technology.



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

Grade school, high school and university students. Approximately 201-400 individuals are expected to be served.

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

1. Improve agricultural production/promotion/education: Assessing production value of agricultural products before and after program. 2. Improve quality of education: Number of students participating in summer programs as well as 4-H and other youth programs at Brooksville. 3. Increase or improve economic activity: Pre and post assessment of employment level and revenue to local government. 4. Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency: Number of trained participants beginning farmers and ranchers who started their own enterprises.

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?

Loss of 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.

n/a

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

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- b. **County:** Leon
- 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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