



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2416

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Florida Memorial University requests \$1,000,000 to create a Distance Learning Center to provide needed expertise and advice in (1) the creation of new online courses, (2) the review of all existing online and hybrid courses, and (3) the preparation of a Prospectus to SACS-COC for offering a program (major) that is more than 49% online. This Center will establish an online presence for the University that extends throughout the state, that will allow more of its citizens to take college-level courses and to earn a degree who are not able to access the physical facilities of a college

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="701,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="299,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1000000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	1,000,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Four student assistants to assist in the Distance Learning Center.	36,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	25 Laptops/personal computers; required accessories; software and licenses.	165,000
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	Renovations to existing spaces into Distance Learning Center and Distance Learning Course Development Lab.	299,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Florida Memorial University is requesting funds to establish a Distance Learning Center, which will offer new online courses and an Online Degree Program for the working adult and non-traditional student residing in South Florida who would like to advance their education.

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

The University will offer Online Courses and Degrees.

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

The direct services being offered will be Online Courses and an Online Degree Program for non-traditional students who would like to continue their education.

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

The targeted population to be served are Economically disadvantaged persons, high school students, University/college students, jobless persons and at-risk youth. The project will serve 800 individuals.

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

The expected benefit of this project is to improve the quality of education. The project will provide access to Post Secondary degrees, certificates and credentials to improve knowledge and skills. The method for measuring the outcome will be the number of new online courses and programs submitted and approved.

- 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?

The University will meet all deliverables.



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12. **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.**

Florida Memorial University

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.