



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1304

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

4. Project/Program Description

This request is for PECO funds to complete construction of a new facility that is already 85% paid with private fundraising and local sources. The new facility will provide a home to the USF Judy Genshaft Honors College and the project is recommended for funding by the Board of Governors. The College consists of more than 2,200 high-achieving, cross-disciplinary scholars who are part of a close community that provides specialized experiences and advanced educational opportunities, but who are currently primarily housed in a 60 year old, outdated facility. The College expects to grow to 3,000 students within the next 5 years in this new facility but in order to grow and continue to rise in national stature and rankings the College will require new advanced, high-tech classrooms, teaching labs and study venues. In addition to retaining more of the best and brightest students from Florida high schools the new building will greatly enhance efforts to recruit nationally and internationally.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	8,091,387
Total State Funds Requested	8,091,387

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	8,091,387	15%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	46,427,125	85%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	54,518,512	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

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 classroom facility as outlined in this request.

11. 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	Construction manager, independent third party estimator, basic construction cost (building cost, environmental impact, site preparation, electrical service), other project costs (professional fees, building and fire permit fees, inspection services, surveys and tests, project contingency).	8,091,387
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,091,387

12. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used to complete the construction of the new USF Judy Genshaft Honors College facility. The project is recommended for funding by the Board of Governors and the \$8.1 million requested in state PECO funds will complete the construction of a \$55 million new facility for USF students, the vast majority of the total cost of which was privately fundraised by USF.

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

These PECO funds will pay for facility construction activities as described above and will not provide direct services. However, USF students will be able to attend classes, study, perform research and prepare for future employment in the facility once construction of the facility is completed. This \$8.1 million request will ensure completion of the new facility in a timely manner for students' use. Additionally, the full \$8.1 million will be expended to contract with private-sector construction and associated vendors, thereby creating and preserving private-sector jobs in the state of Florida and specifically in the Tampa Bay region.

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

As described above.

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



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Approximately 3,000 high-achieving, cross-disciplinary USF student scholars who are part of a close community that provides specialized experiences and advanced educational opportunities.

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

Continued improvement by USF in the state's performance-based funding and Preeminence program metrics.

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?

State procurement laws and BOG Regulations governing PECO appropriations provide for strict penalties for noncompliance by contractors.

13. 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 facility will be owned by, and be built upon land owned and managed by, the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida in a manner identical to most other state-funded buildings on USF campuses.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number