



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2887

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

KU will purchase cutting-edge virtual sim. training systems for 18 campuses to be used by Crim Justice, CyberSecurity, CSI, Forensics, Accounting, & IT students preparing for law enforcement careers. These allow instructors to put students in virtual law enforcement training scenarios to broaden traditional academic standards & practices allowing us to continue our track record of success. KU will make simulators available to law enforcement agencies for ongoing training purposes for sworn LEO.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	539,910
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	539,910

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	539,910	51%
Matching Funds		
Federal	29,995	3%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	478,800	46%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,048,705	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.**

At this time, there is no source of funding for these simulators.

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



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

As of 1.13.23, Keiser University has been awarded \$143,687,905 in collective federal relief funds following the global COVID-19 pandemic. These include student, institutional, and minority-serving funds. The funds are used to provide emergency financial aid grants to students, defray expenses associated with coronavirus, and implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. 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	Purchase of 18 state-of-the art practice virtual simulation training systems for Keiser University campuses offering Criminal Justice, CyberSecurity, CSI, Forensics, Accounting, and IT degrees to be operated by sworn law enforcement officers who possess practical knowledge of the scenarios being displayed.	539,910
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		539,910

14. Program Performance

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



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

Educating students in a virtual environment that employs law enforcement concepts of continuum, discretion, and critical thinking as well as understanding, applying, analyzing, and evaluating relevant knowledge.

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

Enabling students in Keiser University's Criminal Justice, CyberSecurity, Crime Scene Investigation, Forensics, Accounting and IT programs, as well as current Law Enforcement Officers, to train with daily real-life scenarios faced in their future careers, working to alleviate the current Law Enforcement shortage.

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

Keiser University students enrolled in Criminal Justice related fields such as Cybersecurity, Crime Scene Investigation, and Forensics. Our Accounting, Homeland Security, and IT students may use it as they may also be preparing for careers in law enforcement. Keiser University has approximately 20,000 students.

Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies - Each campus will have an affiliation with local law enforcement training agencies for them to be able to demonstrate scenarios and teach courses using the simulators. The number using the simulator will vary by campus and is unable to be determined until all reciprocal affiliations are in place.

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

Utilizing virtual simulation inside of classroom will increase the level of knowledge, experience, and familiarity with real life scenarios and experiences for students. Preparing students for hands on careers using industry leading technology and qualified faculty will provide our graduates with competitive advantages in the workplace. These student success outcomes will be measured by increased student retention rates, course completions, graduation rates, and potential successful job placement post graduation.

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?

Keiser University is committed to addressing Florida's law enforcement shortage through talent development and innovative training. In the event that performance measures are not met, we would ask for a 30-day performance improvement plan.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number