



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3242

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Institute will provide Floridians with a center that will inform and promote legal scholars interpreting the U.S. Constitution based on original meaning. Additionally, the Institute will plan and host workshops, seminars and conferences for students, scholars, judges and guests to attend. Fellowship and mentoring opportunities will also be provided by the Institute.

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,000,000	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.

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

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



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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	Director Salary	150,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Executive Assistant Salary	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Organizing legal workshops, conferences and seminars for students, scholars, judges, and guests to attend. Sponsoring fellows and promoting originalist scholarship and similar academic and nonacademic activities.	800,000
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)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

The goals of the Institute are to: (1) study the relationship between constitutional interpretation, governmental power, and individual freedom, (2) conduct and promote research on the importance of interpreting the U.S. Constitution based on original meaning (3) plan and host research workshops, seminars, and conferences to allow students, scholars, judges, and guests exchange in discussion of originalism and constitutional interpretation (4) provide fellowship and mentoring opportunities.

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



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The activities and services the institute will provide include the following: (1) studying originalism and its effect on government, (2) holding conferences, (3) hosting seminars, (4) sponsoring fellows, (5) promoting originalist scholarship, and (6) similar academic and nonacademic activities.

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

The Institute will be provide Floridians a center that will inform and promote legal scholars interpreting the U.S. Constitution based on original meaning. Additionally, the Institute will plan and host workshops, seminars, and conferences for students, scholars, judges, and guests to attend. Fellowships and mentoring opportunities will also be provided by the Institute.

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

The target population includes local high school students, undergraduate student, legal scholars, judges, and public at large.

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

The expected outcome is to be able to provide a forum for robust discussion on important constitutional ideas. The method of measuring outcomes will be through community engagement, participation, and performance reviews.

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?

The University is open to penalties the Department deems appropriate.

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

- 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



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number