



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1309

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

As a result of unprecedented direct impacts from Hurricanes Helene and Milton, Mote's main cutting-edge research/technology transfer campus in Sarasota experienced significant surge intrusion as well as severe wind damage to both laboratory and animal care facilities. Funding requested will cover shortfalls from insurance, philanthropic donations, and federal animal response agency assistance for resilient rebuilding.

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

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	3,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	9,000,000	90%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,000,000	10%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:**

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

9. **Is future-year 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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**Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects**



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**10. Status of Construction**

**a. What is the current phase of the project?**

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

**b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?** No

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** 10/1/2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 12/31/2026

**e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?**

Existing and new federal and state grants as well as philanthropic donations as Mote has done for over 70 years.

**11. 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.**

Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc.

**12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Specialized Mote facilities staff to conduct repairs.	1,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Coastal resilient research laboratory equipment and supplies.	2,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contracted design and resilient rebuilding of applied research and technology-transfer laboratory facilities to benefit Florida's economy, ecology, and coastal way of life.	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>9,000,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

Resiliently rebuild hurricane damaged critical research and animal care facilities for implementing coastal research and restoration. Mote Marine Laboratory is a well-established and proven home-grown 70+ year independent/non-profit institution providing science-based solutions for applied ocean and coastal issues impacting the Florida ecology and economy (e.g. coral and seagrass restoration, red tide mitigation, marine products for cancer research, and animal strandings).

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



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Resiliently restoring FL laboratory and animal stranding/rehabilitation response infrastructure to support cutting-edge FL research/restoration & vital technology transfer. Mote research/restoration is responding to human and global stressors to maintain the FL ecology, economy, & coastal way of life (e.g. resilience, coral, seagrass, biomedical, manatees, sharks, harmful algal blooms).

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

Resilient laboratory buildings to conduct FL ocean/coastal research/restoration that withstand future hurricane impacts, limiting future need for public assistance from emergency response and recovery. Resiliently repairing roofs, buildings, redundant power sources, water infrastructure and stormwater/wastewater treatment, laboratory equipment, etc.

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

Mote Marine Laboratory is a well-established and proven home-grown 70+ year independent/non-profit institution providing science-based solutions for applied ocean and coastal issues impacting the Florida ecology and economy (e.g. coral and seagrass restoration, red tide mitigation, marine products for cancer research, and animal strandings). Florida citizens statewide will be served through Mote's research and restoration.

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

Resiliently rebuild hurricane damaged critical research and animal care facilities for implementing coastal research and restoration - specifically, restore resilient electrical power, water infrastructure and stormwater/wastewater treatment, and repair laboratory building infrastructure and equipment. Funding outcomes will be measured by comparing previous/existing damaged or antiquated coastal building lab technologies vs. grant agreement deliverables of new resilient coastal lab infrastructure.

**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?**

Funding would be withheld via a grant agreement for deliverables not achieved, e.g. funding reduction for resilient construction not completed.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:**



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**b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:**

**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

**17. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**18. 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**  **Ext.**

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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