



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1990

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Edward Waters University seeks to substantially enhance its network security and technological infrastructure. This project would provide the following essential upgrades: integrate key offices onto the campus network; replace the existing VOiP system with one that supports critical emergency services; replace faulty wiring, network switches, and access points; implement digital signage to provide real-time emergency alerts; improve wayfinding; replace outdated servers, computers, and other equipment; and, implement the Huntress platform to enhance MS Office 365 to include cyberattack protections such as endpoint security and robust backup capabilities.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	920,219
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	920,219

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)	920,219	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 2025-2026	920,219	100%

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

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?** No

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

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	1 ME5024 SAN Storage – Set up networking and storage – connect to Hyper-V servers; 4 PowerEdge R660 Servers - Hyper-V Cluster servers – Install windows, clustering services, migrate Hyper-V virtual machines from old cluster to new; Several other equipment items	839,709
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	A. Furey Business Telephone Systems - Potential vendor for VOiP services, campus structured cabling, and hardware for campus common areas B. Secure SI - Potential Vendor - mass workstation replacement, server installation, AP/switch installation, replacement of end-of-life campus network	80,510
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		920,219

13. Program Performance

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



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These funds will allow the University to strengthen its security measures and controls, particularly our technology, emergency signage, and cyberinfrastructure.

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

This project would provide the following essential upgrades: integrate key offices onto the campus network; replace the existing VOiP system with one that supports critical emergency services; replace faulty wiring and network switches and access points; implement digital signage to provide real-time emergency alerts and improve wayfinding; replace outdated servers, computers, and other equipment; and, implement the Huntress platform to enhance MS Office 365 to include cyberattack protections such as endpoint security and robust backup capabilities.

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

Services provided to citizens in the surrounding community include enhancing the security and speed of the existing free wifi network. Guests will also be more protected from cyberattacks and data intrusions while on campus.

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

The target population is the students, faculty, staff, and guests of Edward Waters University. Approximately 10,000 people will be served annually to include daily activities and larger-scaled events such as commencement, athletic competitions, and other activities.

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

The benefit of this project will be a safer, more secure, and efficient campus.

Measurables include: a significant increase in serviceable technology equipment, increased wifi speed, decreased latency, presence of wayfinding signage versus current non-presence, and a decrease in network intrusion.

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?

One suggestion would be a return of unused funds if a valid and approved reason is not provided for the lack of usage. However, we suggest an extension be provided prior to penalties being levied.

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



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.