



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2014

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Office of Veteran Success at USF provides specialized programs and services to over 8,000 veterans, eligible dependents, active duty service members, and members of the Selected Reserve. The requested funds will upgrade the services that USF provides to veterans, military families & first responders on the Tampa campus. This request will fund construction of a new USF Veterans, Military Families & First Responders Service Complex including accessibility additions that will house the Office of Veterans Success and is expected to provide space for the USF Police Department (UPD) and the campus Emergency Operations Center.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	20,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	20,000,000

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)	20,000,000	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 2025-2026	20,000,000	100%

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		
2024-25	0	10,000,000	18	No

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

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

9/10/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/10/2027

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

USF's base operational budget will need to cover plant, operations & maintenance as the state no longer funds PO&M for state buildings constructed on university campuses.

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.

The Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used for design & construction of an upgraded/new USF Military, Veterans and First Responders facility on the USF Tampa campus, including a construction manager, building costs, environmental impacts, site prep, electrical services, other project costs (e.g., professional fees, permit fees, inspection services, surveys and tests) as well as accessibility upgrades & new equipment.	20,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		20,000,000

13. 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?

USF will use the funds for the planning and construction of existing facility upgrades and/or a new facility on the USF Tampa campus for our student veterans and first responders. Funds will include upgrades for facility and campus access and mobility issues serving disabled and other student veteran needs.

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

Funds will be used for the design and construction of existing facility upgrades and/or a new facility on the USF Tampa campus to co-locate our student veterans and first responders and include a range of wrap-around services for academic, advising & employment needs.

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

University/college students, veterans and first responders. >800

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

USF is a national leader in veteran student success and committed to providing world-class facilities, resources, services and needs impacting over 8,000 military connected students and first responders at USF. Additional services provided will help military-connected students to graduate on time and seek meaningful employment in high demand areas. This support and commitment to our military-connected students increases our student retention and graduation rates, thereby generating a greater return for state taxpayers.

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?

Reduced or discontinued funding. This is a PECO project and there are already substantial statutory and BOG Regulations in place to ensure compliance.

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.