



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2505

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This facility is a joint initiative between UCF and Daytona State College. It will house programs in business, nursing, risk management & insurance, entrepreneurship, and continuing education/professional development, directly addressing workforce needs in the region. The HUB will provide stackable credentials, executive education, and hands-on learning opportunities with industry collaboration.

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	40,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	40,000,000

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)	40,000,000	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	40,000,000	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	20,000,000	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.

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)? Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 03/01/2028

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

University of Central Florida and Daytona State College will share the proportional ongoing operational costs and maintenance of the facility.

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.

Owner of building: State of Florida. Owner of land on which building is to be constructed: The State of Florida/Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. The land and buildings are leased to the Board of Trustees of the University of Central Florida which is the entity responsible for operating and maintaining the building.

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	This funding will complete the amount needed to plan, design and construct the \$60 million Discovery and Innovation Hub, a 78,000-square-foot joint initiative between UCF and Daytona State College. This facility will have a distinct identity, leveraging local industry clusters, regional assets, and economic development priorities to strengthen UCF's role as a leader in workforce development and innovation.	40,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		40,000,000

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?

Teaching and research activities; industry innovation space to facilitate collaboration between businesses, researchers, and students and to drive applied and translational research in advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and entrepreneurship; modern office and co-working spaces to support start-ups and workforce training.

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

Teaching and research activities; industry innovation space to facilitate collaboration between businesses, researchers, and students and to drive applied and translational research in advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and entrepreneurship; modern office and co-working spaces to support start-ups and workforce training.

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

University and college students and faculty; business startups & industries in the region in partnership with UCF and employing UCF graduates.

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

Increasing classroom and lab availability; facilities to foster engagement in productive industry partnerships; co-locating academic programs, industry innovation and entrepreneurship resources to enhance the pipeline of talent for high-demand careers; increasing enrollment and graduates in key industries present and growing in the regions being served; graduates in the fields being served by this facility are in high demand and will be immediately employed by Florida employers.

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?

Return/reversion of state funds.

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.