



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2945

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

4. Project/Program Description

This project will include renovation of the Meat Science Research and Teaching Lab, infrastructure upgrades to the Dairy Research and Education Unit and expansion of the Horse Teaching Unit. It will include upgrading outdated equipment to match current industry standards, providing students with the necessary tools for hands-on learning. They will also include renovations of outdated and deteriorating facilities.

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	5,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,500,000

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)	5,500,000	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	5,500,000	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		
2023-24	0	1,992,650	157B	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



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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? 01/06/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 07/22/2027

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.

UF/IFAS

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	Construction and renovation	5,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

These funds will provide for the modernization of UF/IFAS Animal Sciences Department programs.

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

The project will include upgrading outdated equipment to match current industry standards, providing students with the necessary tools for hands-on learning. They will also include renovations of outdated and deteriorating facilities.

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

Provides professional workforce.



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

Agricultural industry (over \$270 billion to state economy annually) and horse industry (generates \$6.8 billion to state economy annually).

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

Animal Science graduates pursue positions in farm management, pharmaceutical and feed sales, equine business marketing, and veterinary medicine. The demand for these jobs outpaces the availability of the workforce. Students are also better prepared for entrance into a college of veterinary medicine or as successful candidates for advanced graduate degrees.

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?

Standard state university penalties.

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#:

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



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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

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.