



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3065

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

New construction of a state-of-the-art Digital Hologram Center which will also serve as a visual centerpiece for campus, serving as cornerstone of UF's new recruitment strategy for attracting prospective undergraduate students/parents as well as high-quality graduate students. The Center will be poised to become a global leader in the exploration of holographic technology, bridging the gap between theoretical innovation and practical application.

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	10,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>10,000,000</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)	10,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<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.

**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?** 01/01/2026

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

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

For ongoing costs, capital dollars will be used.

**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.**

University of Florida

**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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	New construction of a state-of-the-art Digital Hologram Center at UF, a visual centerpiece for campus, serving as cornerstone of UF's new recruitment strategy for attracting prospective undergraduate students/parents as well as high-quality graduate students.	10,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>10,000,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

New construction of a state-of-the-art Digital Hologram Center which will also serve as a visual centerpiece for campus, serving as cornerstone of UF's new recruitment strategy for attracting prospective undergraduate students/parents as well as high-quality graduate students. The Center will be poised to become a global leader in the exploration of holographic technology, bridging the gap between theoretical innovation and practical application.

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



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The Digital Hologram Center will be committed to exploring the numerous applications of holography, a technology at the forefront of many fields, from enhancing medical imaging to revolutionizing entertainment. The center will provide cutting-edge research labs, innovative educational programs, collaborative projects and public engagement.

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

Digital Hologram Center will: 1) be UF's first access point for visitors: easily accessible, exceeds expectations for guests; 2) become a global leader in the exploration of holographic technology; 3) project the image of the "Gator Spirit" that campus/alumni embrace; 4) be a place where curated experiences leave an impactful introduction to UF.

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

Thousands of University of Florida students, faculty, high school students and parents/guardians of prospective UF students.

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

A Digital Hologram Center at the University of Florida could significantly enrich cultural experiences by leveraging the power of holography, immersive technology, and interdisciplinary research. Outcomes will be measured by conducting pre and post experience assessments, student performance, project evaluations, and monitor curriculum integration. Also, through tracking public and media recognition.

**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?**

None

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**  No

**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)?**



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- Yes, Applied
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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



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