



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2789

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

USF's College of Behavioral and Community Sciences (CBCS) in collaboration with the Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) will gather data & conduct research to address issues of supply & demand for mental health & wellness workforce. Through research, CBCS will work to address workforce needs including increasing enrollment & training opportunities for students to enter the workforce with the appropriate credentials to address the statewide gap in trained professionals providing mental health & wellness care in the state.

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

State Agency contacted?

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	5,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	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 2024-2025	5,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future 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.**

Authorized State University funds with Board of Governors approval.

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

USF has received institutional COVID-19 assistance funding from the federal government but the funds received cannot be used for initiative outlined in the request.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

13. 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: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Funding for staff to conduct data analysis, research and annual report of findings.	3,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Technology and research needs for data collection and other associated costs.	2,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

14. 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's CBCS will collect extensive data on mental health and wellness supply, demand and education to implement strategic solutions for mental health education and workforce needs.

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

Increased opportunities for students to enter the workforce with the appropriate credentials to address the statewide gap in trained professionals providing mental health and wellness care in the public and private sectors.

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

Behavioral Health providers across the state of Florida. > 800 individuals.

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

Trained students with mental health and wellness credentials can immediately be hired to address the statewide workforce gap. Track the number of graduates produced in the state of Florida

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 the contract?

Statute and BOG Regulations provide specific penalties for non compliance by state universities.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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



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Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number