



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3562

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This an applied research and teaching arm of St. Thomas University College of Law which will provide timely and integral research, teaching and training workshops, seminars and symposia for faculty, students and fellows to study the relationships between the constitution, governmental authority and individual freedoms and develop and provide teachers and faculty with tested methods to navigate the balance of these issues with civil rights and responsibility and promote discourse.

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	2,172,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,172,500</b>

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)	2,172,500	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 2024-2025</b>	<b>2,172,500</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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.

HEERF - \$1,296,380  
 CRRSAA - \$2,727,055  
 ARP - \$4,682,531

## 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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Institute Director salary + benefits	250,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Executive Assistant salary + benefits	112,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office suite fit out, travel, presentation materials	147,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Visiting scholars 4@ 100k ea,+ benefits	250,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Consultant and faculty led research design and design testing, workshops, symposia, scholarly reviews, public presentations, school visits and I presentations, student training, faculty training, and public presentations.	1,412,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,172,500</b>

### 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?**

Education, training, teaching and research on the intersection of liberty, laws and civics to contribute to the 1 applied teaching outcomes for faculty and students of the Florida.

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

Teaching, presentations, symposia, and workshop materials for the use to improve civil discourse based on enhanced knowledge of laws, liberty, and civics. Fellowships and mentoring opportunities will also be provided.

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

Elderly persons, High School students, and or University/College students

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

The project will provide a forum dedicated to the research and application of positive outcomes in dealing with intersections of laws, liberty, and civics for citizens. Community engagement, workshop participation, student performance in classes designed to improve knowledge and application of civics, increased participation in government jobs, and volunteer activities, and decline in negative aspects of public debate.

**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?**

The university will comply with all expenditure terms; however, if penalties are assessed the university is open to penalties as deemed reasonable and appropriate by the DOE.

**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



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University or College

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