



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3225

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

FIU is requesting operational funding to continue its drive to a Top 50 public research university while sustaining FIU's strategic investments in outstanding student success programs and comprehensive and innovative 21st century research, workforce and economic development initiatives.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	60,700,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	60,700,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	60,700,000	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 2023-2024	60,700,000	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.

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

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



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Florida International University received \$240M in CARES Act funds, which were utilized according to the provisions of the Cares Act. Students enrolled in FIU received CARES Act funds to support emergency needs such as food, housing assistance and transportation funds. These funds were provided directly to students through their student financial account after a lengthy application and review process to determine need.

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

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	Strategic Faculty Hiring and Investment in Retention and Recruitment	30,700,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Academic and Industry-Career Placement Initiatives	2,500,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Increased Operational, Utility, and Support Services. Recruitment and Retention of Students	22,500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Realign the University's Workforce and Invest in System Upgrades and Recurring Licenses	5,000,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		60,700,000

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?

The funding will sustain the investments in initiatives and programs that have been made over the past several years as part of the university's Strategic Plan, annual Accountability plans and focus on Performance Metrics at a time when inflation is eroding FIU's ability to maintain the quality improvements it has achieved. The funding will support programs that have proven to be successful.

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

With these funds, FIU will build on its incredible successes and continue its mission to train future leaders and find solutions to society's pressing issues through top-notch research. Along with philanthropic and external sources of monetary support - especially sponsored research funds - these new state funds will act to jump start and deepen key success and excellence initiatives.

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

University Students. Tens of thousands of students will be served through this project.

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

Improving the quality of education. This investment is focused on increasing academic merit scholarships and launching initiatives to recruit, admit and graduate national merit scholars and undergraduate, graduate and transfer students in areas of strategic importance for the state.

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?

Return of funds to the State of Florida.

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