



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2091

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To address Florida's nursing shortage, UCF seeks to complete its new College of Nursing Building which will serve to double the number of graduates with various levels of nursing degrees. A shortage of 37,400 nurses is projected by 2035. UCF is the #1 producer of nursing graduates in Florida with 88% staying and working in the state. Completing this building will help to solve Florida's nursing shortage.

The 2022 Legislature funded 50% of the total construction cost. The University has raised private funds from major healthcare entities and charitable organizations. This funding request completes the project.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	14,781,430
Total State Funds Requested	14,781,430

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)	14,781,430	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	14,781,430	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	29,000,000	Section 197	No

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 Funds in the total amount of \$184,047,141 were received for direct student financial aid, for added costs of sanitation supplies and infrastructure related to health protection, to recover documented revenue losses due to COVID-19, and to replace HVAC systems and other infrastructure relating to improving health.

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.

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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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funding to complete construction of UCF's College of Nursing Building	14,781,430
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		14,781,430

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?

Construction of state-of-the-art instructional and laboratory space for nursing education at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels to prepare more nurses and help to provide a solution to the state's nursing current and projected nursing shortage. The 90,000 gross square foot building (60,000 assignable square footage) will be focused on the future, designed to provide flexible instructional space, innovative simulation and skills labs for hands-on learning and Objective Structured Clinical Examinations, and space for Virtual Reality Inter-professional Healthcare Education. More than 70% (71%) of the facility is dedicated to classrooms, teaching and research laboratories, and study facilities.

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

Nursing education at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels in state-of-the-art instructional and laboratory space designed to prepare nurses for the future of healthcare delivery and instruction. UCF's College of Nursing currently serves more than 2,800 undergraduate and graduate students, awarding 800 degrees annually. There are more than 12,500 Knight nurse alumni, of which 88% are employed in Florida, making a difference in the lives of patients throughout the state.

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

The target population is students who want to pursue a career in nursing or nursing education. UCF's College of Nursing currently serves more than 2,800 undergraduate and graduate students, awarding 800 degrees annually. There are more than 12,500 Knight nurse alumni, of which 88% are employed in Florida, making a difference in the lives of patients throughout the state.

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

UCF will substantially increase nursing graduates to address Florida's nursing shortage, and will produce more graduate nurses to help fill the current nursing faculty shortage. Hospitals and other healthcare entities will better be able to serve the state's population in providing healthcare services, the shortage projections will decrease, and there will be an increased number of nursing faculty so that the state colleges and universities can maintain, and expand, their nursing programs to keep up with Florida's growing population.

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/reversion of funds to the state.

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



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number