



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

1. Senate Sponsor:

2. Date of Request:

3. Project/Program Description:

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) STEM Initiative will boost STEM degree production, enhance employment opportunities for STEM graduates, and strengthen linkages with the STEM business community to create jobs and bring high tech industry to the broader Tampa Bay region. Funding will expand access to programming in STEM fields by providing students in the St Petersburg area with an opportunity to obtain additional courses in STEM areas as well as certificates, minors, and majors in the STEM disciplines. This funding will allow USFSP to expand STEM programming in Mathematics/Statistics, Chemistry, Physics, and other physical science disciplines while expanding program offerings in both the Natural and Physical Sciences. It will also enable USFSP to propose badly needed majors in STEM areas such as Allied Health, Chemistry, Computer Science/Intelligent Design, Information Technology, Actuarial Science and a Quantitative Interdisciplinary major in Mathematics/Statistics. Increasing STEM programming at USFSP will accommodate an estimated additional 1,500 local students seeking STEM related programming in Mathematics/Statistics, Chemistry, Computer Science and Allied Health related disciplines. This will allow USFSP to graduate an additional 150 students (or 3 times the number now) in STEM disciplines per year. The majority of graduates will be students from our region who are likely to remain here and contribute to local economic growth and innovation.

4. Amount of Request:

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
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5. Total Project Cost (if greater than Total Requested State Funds):

6. Type, Amount and Percent of Match:

Type	Amount	Percent
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7. Was the project previously funded by the State?

Fiscal Year(s)	Amount
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8. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

9. Program Performance (if needed, include additional documentation):

a. How will requested funds be spent? Include supporting documentation.

The majority of the funds, approximately \$1,750,000, will cover salaries and benefits for STEM faculty positions and academic advisors. The remaining funds will be expended for equipment, supplies, travel, and other supporting activities amounting to approximately \$250,000. Non-recurring funding of \$500,000 will be invested in equipment for teaching laboratories needed to accommodate the additional STEM programming and course offerings.

b. Identify expected program results and the expected benefit associated from the requested funds.



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c. Who will benefit from receipt of State funds?

The STEM Initiative will benefit the USFSP student body as well as the workforce in the Tampa Bay area, throughout the State of Florida, and potentially nationwide.

d. What specific measures will be used to document performance data for the project, if it receives funds?

Measures include student retention and graduation rates, number of graduates with STEM degrees, and the number of internships and job placements.

10. Requestor Contact information:

- a. Name and Title:
- b. Organization:
- c. E-mail Address:
- d. Phone Number:

11. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization:
- b. Municipality and County:
- c. Organization type (check all that apply):
 - For-profit Corporation
 - Not-for-profit Corporation
 - 501c3 entity
 - Other (please specify)
- d. Contact Name and Title:
- e. E-mail Address:
- f. Phone Number: