



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** UF/IFAS Tropical Aquaculture Lab

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dana Young

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/16/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This funding request is to restore funds vetoed in the 2017-18 fiscal year. The UF/IFAS Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory (TAL), established in 1996 and located in Ruskin, Florida, provides Research, Extension programs, and Education focused on the state's unique tropical fish industry. Tropical fish account for the largest segment of Florida's aquaculture industry, with an annual farm gate value just over \$35 million in 2015.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Board of Governors

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
778,987		778,987

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	3,293,000	71.1%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	350,000	7.6%
Local	57,000	1.2%
Other	150,000	3.2%
TOTAL	3,850,000	83.1 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 4,628,987

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 4

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? Yes

e. Complete the following Worksheet.



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FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:	778,987		778,987

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

\$787,987

11. Program Performance:

a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

The Tropical Aquaculture Lab provides research, extension education, and graduate student education focused on the state's unique tropical fish industry.

b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Working closely with industry, local, state, and federal agencies, the Tropical Aquaculture Lab provides science-based information using research, extension education and graduate student education to make management and regulatory decisions for the state's unique tropic fish industry, the largest segment of Florida's aquaculture over \$35 million value in 2015.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	Funds will be used for salaries of faculty, staff and students working in the Tropical Aquaculture lab.	778,897



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<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		778,897

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The Tropical Aquaculture Lab (TAL) has a full service disease diagnostic lab that provides treatment and prevention recommendations, trains graduate and veterinary students, and conducts educational programs. The TAL, through extension and research, has a long-term program designed to assist farms with training and testing for their pesticide applications, and the testing and labeling of new products. also serves as home to the Hillsborough Community College's Aquaculture training program, as well as the USDA's Veterinary Service and Wildlife Service's programs in aquaculture. The TAL also serves as the lead educational assistant to the state's Future Farmers of America Aquaculture program, currently being delivered in over 120 middle and high schools around the state.

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

The target population is all those in the aquaculture industry including but not limited to fish farmers, graduate, college and high school students, as well as the general population.

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

Provides science-based information used to make management and regulatory decisions surrounding aquaculture. Provide information and applications for new species development, non-native aquatic species management, aquatic animal disease diagnostics, restoration aquaculture, management of aquatic materials application, and general production management.

g. 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 in the contract?

None.



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12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. County: Statewide
- c. Organization Type:
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☒ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
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