



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1265

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project expands O&P graduate program from 12 students to 24.

The National Commission on Orthotics and Prosthetics Education (NCOPE) commissioned a study showing in 2014 there were 6,675 licensed or certified orthotists and prosthetists in the United States. It also showed that by 2025, an "overall supply of credentialed O&P providers would need to increase by about 60% to meet the growing demand."

Despite the demand for trained professionals, orthotics and prosthetics programs do not have the capacity to train sufficient numbers of clinicians. This year, only about 250 students will graduate with master's degrees in O&P.

Current programs will not graduate the number of clinicians needed to provide the care Wounded Warriors from current and future conflicts deserve.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	550,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	200,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	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 2021-2022	750,000	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.



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

Yes

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

The institute received \$69,000 via the Paycheck Protection Loan.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Faculty -4 Lab Manager-1 Staff Assistant-1	300,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Lab Supplies and Components Equipment, maintenance and replacement	240,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Adapt space and facility for additional students	200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

12. 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 institute will hire the appropriate instructors and purchase equipment needed to expand their number of students.

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

Access to education in Orthotics and Prosthetics and ultimately access to educated well-trained O & P providers.

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

The physically disabled, wounded veterans, amputees, and people with poor physical health.

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

IIOP is one of the twelve national training programs and the only O&P school in the state of Florida; located in Tampa Bay central to multiple VHA medical facilities.

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f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties



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for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Repayment of funds.

13. 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.

Veterans Stride Foundation DBA International Institute of O&P



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number