



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1344

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Located in one of the largest cities in Florida that is a global tourist destination, UCF has a unique opportunity to be a leader in tourism-connected infectious disease and emerging pathogens. This funding will support development of an Infectious Disease and Tourism Health Initiative which will bring together multidisciplinary expertise, research, education, clinical and service components to study, track and manage emerging pathogens in a community of global tourism and travel. The funding will enable key partnerships with pharma, private industry, and public entities.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	6,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	6,000,000

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)	6,000,000	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	6,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No

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?**

No



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

11. 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	Up to 12 new faculty positions, additional post-doctoral scientist and graduate students in STEM	4,900,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Support for research clinical lab, capable of testing	1,100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		6,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

The economic prosperity of Florida depends on tourism and the safety of its visitors and residents. This funding will establish an Infectious Disease and Tourism Health Initiative which will bring together multidisciplinary expertise (College of Medicine, Hospitality Management, Engineering & Computer Science, innovative academic programs in themed experience, etc., together with key partnerships with pharma, and private industry to support the health and safety of Florida's tourism industry.

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

The Infectious Disease & Tourism Health Initiative will serve to: strengthen capacity to predict and respond to pandemics that impact the tourism, vacation and convention industries and consequently, Florida's economy. The goals include: enhancing the preparedness for care of infectious diseases; increasing preparedness and response through technology, data, clinical services & artificial intelligence; developing new strategies and innovative technologies for the detection of pathogens and novel surface treatments;

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

Provide evidence-based best practices to secure the health, safety and financial viability of the travel, tourism & hospitality industries and Florida's communities.

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

All domestic and international travelers to Florida's tourist, vacation and convention destinations.

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



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Expected benefit: Advancing infectious disease and tourism/travel health by expanding and refocusing educational programs to serve communities and industries. Successful outcomes would include: Return of robust tourism revenue; vacation and convention destinations be able to remain safely open a full capacity while keeping the population safe; return of jobs connected to the tourism and convention industries; decreasing unemployment.

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 state funds; cessation of future funding

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.

No fixed capital outlay requested at this time.



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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