



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1550

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

FAMU is requesting \$2.2 million in funding for the Brooksville site to support and enhance agriculture research and technology transfer of new farming techniques to small farmers in the local community and around the state. This investment will help contribute to the State's workforce and innovation goals, and support enhancement to the agriculture industry.

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	2,200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,200,000

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)	2,200,000	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	2,200,000	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?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

The University continues to seek federal and private grant opportunities to support the Brooksville Agricultural & Environmental Research Station.

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



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Yes

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

The University CARES Act allocation is restricted to financial aid for students and pandemic-related costs.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Four farm technicians (\$210,000 - Recurring) Three research scientists - Plant Science, Animal Science and Entomology (\$300,000 - Recurring) One Research Data Manager (\$60,000 - Recurring)	600,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Farm, Research and Landscaping Machinery and Equipment (\$930,000 Non-Recurring) Small Animal Building and Sheds (\$130,000 Non-Recurring) Herds, Crops, and Demonstration Projects (\$190,000 Non-Recurring)	1,250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of Wells and Water Lines (\$350,000 Non-Recurring)	350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,200,000

12. Program Performance

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

The goal is to enable FAMU to develop the Brooksville Agricultural and Environmental Research Station into an outstanding research and education center that serves the State of Florida as well as the nation through innovative research projects with industry partners, quality education and experiential learning for students and the community, and providing solutions to stakeholder challenges as we continue our Land-Grant mission of training future scientists, professionals and thought leaders.

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

The specific activities and services that will be provided include natural resource research, education and training activities and programs for small farmers, new and beginning farmers and ranchers, veterans, Native American Indians, women and other minorities. Areas of service and activities include precision agriculture, hay production, development of new economic crops such as industrial hemp, grazing systems research, organic farming, livestock production and management, aquaculture, aquaponics, renewable energy, bioprocessing and product development research, and entrepreneurship development.

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

The services to the citizens will include consultations on technical matters on sustainable agriculture, food security, food safety, and business management; seminars, workshops, and training sessions for students, local farmers, and residents; field and site visits, and demonstrations of new technology.

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



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With the laboratories now complete, we anticipate distance learning for hundreds of students who are pursuing degrees in veterinary medicine, plant science, soil science, and water quality.

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

Improve agricultural production/promotion/education: Assessing production value of agriculture products before or after program.
Improve quality or education and number of students participating in summer programs as well as 4-H and other youth programs at Brooksville.
Increase or improve economic activity: Pre- and post assessment of employment level and revenue to local government.
Improve drinking water quality: Maintain the good drinking water quality in the area.

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?

Funding restrictions and contract cancellation.

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.

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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