



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2123

1. Project Title USF St. Petersburg Environmental & Oceanographic Science Research & Teaching Facility

2. Senate Sponsor Jeff Brandes

3. Date of Request 03/29/2021

4. Project/Program Description

This request is for PECO funds for construction of the Environment & Oceanographic Science Research & Teaching Facility on the USF St. Petersburg campus. World renowned research on flood mitigation and sea level rise that would be locally and regionally applied, would be conducted in this new and remodeled facility. USF St. Petersburg campus is an ideal location for this facility due to the proximity to a vibrant hub of marine and environmental science partners, including federal and state agencies, municipalities, and private enterprise. This facility would also enhance national recruiting and enrollment at our USF St. Petersburg campus. The Environmental and Oceanographic Science Research and Teaching Facility would offer full array of baccalaureate, master's and interdisciplinary PhD programs, an opportunity to recruit world class students and professors with the awarding of tenure and greater strategic investment in an area of global and national importance.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Board of Governors

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	30,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	30,000,000

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)	30,000,000	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	30,000,000	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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 15,000,000

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



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The full project to both renovate existing space and construct a new facility in the same complex has a total estimated cost of \$80 million. However, this project can be phased as additional state funds, philanthropic gifts, local government contributions and other resources are obtained to complete all the phases of the project. The \$30 million requested here would begin Phase I of this important and timely project in FY 2021-22.

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.

USF has received institutional COVID-19 assistance funding from the federal government but the funds received cannot be used for the construction of a new classroom/research facility as outlined in this request.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction manager, independent third party estimator, basic construction cost (building cost, environmental impact, site preparation, electrical service), other project costs (professional fees, building and fire permit fees, inspection services, surveys and tests, project contingency).	30,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		30,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used for construction of the new Environmental & Oceanographic Sciences Research & Teaching Facility at the USF St. Petersburg campus. This project is designed to be phased with activities combining new construction and renovation efforts to most efficiently meet university needs. The project will include demolition of 12,288 gross square feet (gsf) of the Northwest wing of Marine Science Lab building (MSL) and replace it with a four-story 45,200 net assignable square feet (nasf) (67,800 gsf) addition correlating to the STEM building nsf, gsf amounts

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

These PECO funds will pay for facility construction of the remodel and new additional teaching laboratories, study space, campus support space, research laboratories and auditorium/exhibition space

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

As described above.



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

Approximately 2,000 high-achieving, cross-disciplinary USF students who would be obtaining their degree in the growing Marine Science and STEM undergraduate programs offered at the facility. This will help meet the growing market demand and societal challenges in the Marine Science field.

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

Continued improvement by USF in the state's performance-based funding and Preeminence program metrics.

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?

State procurement laws and BOG Regulations governing PECO appropriations provide for strict penalties for noncompliance by contractors.

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.

The facility will be owned by, and be built upon land owned and managed by, the Board of Trustees of the University of South Florida in a manner identical to most other state-funded buildings on USF campuses.



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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