



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1660

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Marine Research Hub (MRH) is a collaborative effort to increase marine-related research and economic development efforts between FAU, FIU, NSU, and UM; the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County; the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Alliance; the Miami Beacon Council; and the Marine Industries Association of South Florida. The request is for assistance to support MRH's core mission, attract venture capital, establish a permanent facility, and build a secure technology platform to share proprietary information between universities.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>300,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	300,000	62%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	185,000	38%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>485,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	500,000	2288A	Yes

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.

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



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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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Additional staff to execute and promote the Marine Research Hub's core mission and attract venture capital.	75,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Assist in establishing a permanent facility for the MRH.	125,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Build a secure technology platform to share proprietary information between universities.	100,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>300,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

To establish the infrastructure and platform from which proprietary information regarding marine and oceanographic-related research may be shared between FIU, FAU, Nova Southeastern University, and the University of Miami to allow the universities to share and build off of each other's research, collect industry-related data, determine economic impact of research and commercialization efforts to broaden MRH's global impact.

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

Marine-related research contributes to innovations in sectors like biomedicine and biotechnology and impacts aquaculture, fisheries, pharmaceuticals, tourism, and recreation.

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

Increased economic activity and diversity, increased tourism and recreation, increased jobs, and job creation.

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

Floridians and the general population.

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

Increased innovations and discoveries from marine-related research in the biotechnology and biomedical industries; increased solutions for the preservation and protection of Florida's ecosystems and environment; and increased job opportunities in sectors like shipbuilding, biomedicine, biotechnology, fisheries, aquaculture, and pharmaceuticals.

##### 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?



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Clawback of dollars appropriated. Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

- 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.**

N/A



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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