



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2504

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

A new joint use multipurpose arena/facility located at the Saint Leo University Campus in St. Leo, Florida that will serve Pasco and Hernando County. This new, smart facility will feature a 12,000 seat arena/multipurpose facility that will serve as a venue for graduations, commencements, sporting competitions, concerts, conferences and other large scale gatherings and events. There are no other indoor facilities of this size and scope in Pasco or Hernando Counties. The facility will serve Saint Leo University but will be a joint use facility serving the 46 high schools located in Pasco and Hernando counties and other citizens of these counties. Pasco County had a 2.6% rate of growth in 2021 and is the 17th fastest growing county in Florida. Hernando County experienced a 1.69% rate of growth in 2021. The citizens of Pasco and Hernando Counties, and community members of Saint Leo University will benefit greatly from this joint use multipurpose arena/facility.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	15,000,000

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)	15,000,000	33%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	30,000,000	67%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	45,000,000	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?



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Yes

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

The total amount of federal assistance received by Saint Leo University during the COVID19 pandemic is \$35,559,452. The university received \$4,806,326 (Cares Act), \$10,984,932 (CRRSAA) & \$19,559,452 (American Rescue Plan). The purpose of the funding was to assist students in their transition during the pandemic with economic assistance as well as provide financial assistance to the university to maintain sustainability and capacity.

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	The requested funds will be used to do construction planning, construction and other associated construction related costs associated with the building project.	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		15,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

This joint use multipurpose building will serve the citizens of Pasco and Hernando counties, especially students, families and staffs of the 36 Pasco and Hernando County high schools. The multipurpose arena/facility will serve as a venue for graduations, concerts, sporting events, conferences and other large scale meetings.

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

Building usage and staffing support of citizens who use the facility for graduations, commencements, concerts, symposiums, conferences and other large scale events/gatherings.

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

Venue space, staffing support in space usage, audiovisual and other technology services/equipment.

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

Pasco County residents-approximately 584K in 2021 and growing.
Hernando County residents-approximately 201K in 2021 and growing.

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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The expected benefit is to provide a joint use multipurpose facility to be utilized by approximately 785K citizens of Pasco and Hernando Counties. This will be measured by counting the number of attendees at events held in the venue and by intake information collected from clients/residents who book events in the facility.

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 the funding to the State of Florida.

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.

Saint Leo University. The owners of the facility and entity are one and the same.



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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