



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2715

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Funding will be used to support development of an urban core campus in West Palm Beach that will offer globally-distinctive, top-tier, interdisciplinary and unique graduate, professional, and executive education taught by world-class faculty. The curriculum will be co-created with business and industry to serve their evolving needs to build the state's talent pipeline in highly competitive fields and bolster economic development and opportunities. Core competencies are being developed with initial involvement of UF's colleges of engineering, business, and law, and will include AI, Data Analytics, Cybersecurity, and Fintech. The campus will be located on land donated by the city, county, and a private landowner.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	100,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	100,000,000

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)	100,000,000	33%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000,000	67%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	300,000,000	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?**



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Yes

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

Revenue: UF received \$76M - Direct Student Aid & \$93M - Institutional Support. Expenses: 1) \$76M - Direct Student Aid; 2) \$73M - a number of campus operations incl: \$5M IT infrastructure & equipment for remote/distance learning; \$9M reimbursements for housing & study abroad; \$11M campus health & safety; \$48M for lost revenues in the student union, educational business activities, parking, research service centers, museums & performing arts centers; 3) \$20M - other COVID-related developing 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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funding to support aspects of phase I development including classroom, multi-use space, student center, and related facilities. State funds could be used for construction, lease payments, and other eligible purposes. Private funds and land donations will be used to match the state's investment.	100,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

At the request of local business and community leaders, UF plans to develop an urban core campus in West Palm Beach that will cultivate a critical mass of FinTech, Cybersecurity, and Data Analytics expertise strategically located in the heart of West Palm Beach. A goal is to support Florida's burgeoning high tech economy.

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

UF will work with various partners across the public and private sectors to develop a campus and curriculum, lease facilities as appropriate while that development is underway and afterward, hire faculty and student support professionals, explore collaborative education and innovation opportunities with local education/research institutions (including but not limited to Florida Atlantic University, Palm Beach State College, Palm Beach Atlantic University, and the K-12 system), and provide other functions to help Florida deliver on the promise of the opportunities that lie ahead.

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

World-class, unique education that helps retain and attract talent and jobs will offer a variety of direct and indirect benefits. The primary direct services will be education and related support. Initial academic programming is expected to focus on UF's colleges of engineering, business, and law.

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



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The target population includes potential graduate, professional, and executive education students living in Florida, those attracted to do so by opportunity, and those who might otherwise leave our state for other economic centers. The target population also includes current and future employers in need of talent and collaboration partners and state and local governments and communities that will benefit from economic expansion and innovation. Although focused in West Palm Beach, the beneficial ripple effects should be felt in every corner of Florida for many decades to come.

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

Measures of specialized degree programs, certifications, internship opportunities, research and collaboration, graduation rates, job placement, and growth of relevant industries.

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?

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.

The majority of state university land and buildings are owned by the State of Florida, Internal Improvement Trust. Some are owned by the state universities and some are developed through public-private partnerships.



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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