



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2811

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This is a companion project to the new 521-bed Honors Residence Hall that will house Hicks Honors College students. This academic building will be located adjacent to the residence hall and will include enhanced classrooms, collaboration and innovation spaces, offices other student support areas.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	13,681,975
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>13,681,975</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	13,681,975	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>13,681,975</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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

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



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Approximately \$77 million received. Half of funding used for financial aid, half for Covid-related expenses.

### Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

**11. Status of Construction**

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Jan 1, 2025 if funded

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

July 1, 2026

**12. List 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.**

UNF/State of Florida will own facility.

**13. 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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	This is a companion project to the new 521-bed Honors Residence Hall that will house Hicks Honors College students. This academic building will be located adjacent to the residence hall and will include enhanced classrooms, collaboration and innovation spaces, offices other student support areas.	13,681,975
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>13,681,975</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

Heightened environment for UNF honors students to learn, explore, and flourish.

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



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Spaces conducive to creative collaboration (between students and between students and faculty), high-engagement classrooms, state-of-the-art innovation spaces (including using the latest technology), seminar rooms, study areas, and faculty and staff offices

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

Honors students will have a significantly enhanced learning environment at UNF. The center will also house UNF's fellowships office, which will provide services to students across the entire university.

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

UNF students in the Hicks Honors College - approximately 1000.

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

Honors students retain well and graduate in good time when they are engaged. This academic center will be designed for maximum engagement. Further, honors students provide benefits for the whole university since they are leaders, tutors, mentors, and generally raise expectations whenever they are a part of university activities. A critical mass of engaged honors students will make a sizable difference in academic progress and graduation rates at UNF.

**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?**

This contract will be subject to a GMP. As such, any cost overruns and/or delays will be the responsibility of the contractor(s) and outlined in the contract. We have had success with this model on previous projects.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. 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**



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f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number