



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1660

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Discovery and Innovation Hub is an interdisciplinary facility that addresses the university's need for teaching laboratories and active learning classrooms across multiple colleges. This 100,000 gsf building will support UCF's space deficit in these categories and contribute to the achievement of the student success metrics outlined in the University's Strategic Plan. The teaching labs in this new facility are intended to support Colleges of Sciences, Medicine, Engineering & Computer Science, and Biomedical Sciences.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>6,000,000</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)	6,000,000	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>6,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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

N/A. State funds are the appropriate source for this facility.

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

Yes



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

HEERF Funds in the total amount of \$184,047,141 were received for direct student financial aid, for added costs of sanitation supplies and infrastructure related to health protection, to recover documented revenue losses due to COVID-19, and to replace HVAC systems and other infrastructure relating to improving health.

## 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Groundbreaking  
April 2026 ,  
Construction (18  
months) May 2026  
to October 2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Construction (18  
months) May 2026  
to October 2027

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.

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### 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	Planning and design	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>6,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance



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

To construct an interdisciplinary facility that addresses UCF's need for teaching laboratories and active learning classrooms across multiple colleges. This 100,000 gsf building will support UCF's space deficit in these categories and contribute to the achievement of the student success metrics outlined in UCF's Strategic Plan.

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

Planning, design, construction and equipping the Discovery & Innovation Hub.  
Teaching and research activities for students in the Colleges of Sciences, Medicine, Engineering & Computer Science, and the Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences.

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

Teaching and research activities for students in the Colleges of Sciences, Medicine, Engineering & Computer Science, and the Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences.

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

University and college students, including programmed activities for K-12 students; industries in the region in partnership relationships with UCF and employing UCF graduates.  
More than 10,000 students per year will be served by the facility

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

Benefit: New construction of state-of-the-art classrooms and labs for teaching and research activities; increase classroom and lab availability; facilities to engage in productive industry partnerships; Measure: Increasing STEM enrollment and graduates to increase the available talent pipeline and highly skilled workforce needed by Florida high-tech employers.  
Benefit: Increasing the number of engineering, computer science and other high tech graduates translates to higher population level with elevated lifetime earning potential; Measure: Increasing Florida's tax base.  
Benefit: Engineering and other high tech graduates are in high demand and will be immediately employed by Florida employers; Measure: A prepared, highly skilled, available workforce attracts industries and headquarters to locate to Florida and creates new native start ups.

**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/reversion of funds to the state.

**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**



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- 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**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**