



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2061

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To acquire approximately 2,658 acres within the Hickory Sink Strategic Ecosystem to protect existing agricultural, environmental, educational, and community purposes.

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	1,850,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	37,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	38,850,000

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)	38,850,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	38,850,000	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.

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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Revenue: \$76M direct student aid and \$93M institutional support; Expenses: 1) \$76M direct student aid, 2) \$93M campus operations; \$8.7M for IT infrastructure & equipment for remote/distance learning; \$9.4M reimbursements for housing/study abroad; \$9.1M campus health/safety; \$8.2M other operating/research costs and student mental health/basic needs; \$57M for lost revenues in the student union, educational business activities, parking, research service centers, and museums/performing art centers.

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?

January 2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

March 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.

FCL Timber, Land & Cattle, LLLP is the landowner that would receive the proceeds from the proposed land acquisition.

13. 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	5% administrative costs for closing and due diligence expenses.	1,850,000
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	Appropriation to University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) to acquire land in the Hickory Sink Strategic Ecosystem in Alachua County.	37,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		38,850,000

14. Program Performance

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

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

A potentially wide range of agricultural use and natural resources. Educational and community purposes to advance the mission of IFAS.

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

Protection of viable agricultural use and natural resources. Educational and community purposes to advance the mission of IFAS.

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

The general public will benefit.

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

Approximately 2,658 acres of land will be protected and managed by IFAS, preserving agricultural and natural spaces and providing educational and community services.

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 penalties applicable to state universities.

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

f. Phone Number



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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