



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2539

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Florida Atlantic University will build a new College of Dentistry and will offer the Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) program starting in 2027 in order to increase overall dental student enrollment in the state of Florida. With 63 of the 67 counties in Florida suffering a dental shortage that affects 5 million citizens, the FAU College of Dentistry will produce graduates that can best serve the needs of the growing population in the state. The College of Dentistry facility will be housed in a new 94,000 gsf facility that will be constructed on FAU's Boca Raton campus. The facility will provide dental students with a learning environment with advanced technology and will support patient-centered clinical instruction. The FAU College of Dentistry is the second public dental school in Florida and as such, will focus on recruiting students with a passion to work in underserved and rural areas within the state of Florida.

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	54,695,700
Total State Funds Requested	54,695,700

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)	54,695,700	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	54,695,700	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	30,000,000	18	No

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.**



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

Yes

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

\$57M HEERF Student - Students' financial needs. \$82M HEERF Institutional & HSI funds - COVID testing & supplies, housing beds & COVID related expenditures, student AR balances & lost revenues due to COVID, IT expenses for students' basic needs on campus

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

Florida Atlantic University, Board of Governors and State of Florida.

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		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	Continuation of design, planning, engineering and construction of FAU College of Dentistry. Project costs have been calculated using 2021 BOG Construction cost data, with an added inflation adjustment consistent with CBRE forecasted inflationary data.	54,695,700
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		54,695,700

14. Program Performance

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



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Construction of a brand new 94,000 gross square foot FAU College of Dentistry facility, which will serve as the home of the second public College of Dentistry in Florida and the dedicated dental school facility space at Florida Atlantic University. The state-of-the-art facility will provide dental students with the simulation, clinical, operator and didactic learning experiences required of a high-quality dental education (Doctor of Dental Medicine, DMD) program.

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

The facility will allow dental students to learn in an environment with advanced technology and support reputable, patient-centered clinical instruction. FAU's regional partners in Palm Beach, Broward, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Martin counties have expressed a willingness to partner in faculty and learner experiences, recruitment, and retention to ensure that we optimize the numbers and the depth and breadth of experiences of dentists to serve the needs of Florida. Dental students will also have access to instructional clinical spaces with 90 comprehensive dental operatories for standardized patient, student treatment clinics.

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

FAU's College of Dentistry will be a key pillar in the University's established foundation of care delivery, providing a pipeline of highly trained dental professionals that are well-equipped to serve the state of Florida. We will work collaboratively with the region's healthcare partners to provide additional clinical rotation opportunities and will operationalize dental care clinic experiences in Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Martin counties.

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

Between 80-90% of dental students that train in Florida remain in Florida, which will have a tremendous impact on the number of dentists available in the state. Focusing the curriculum on serving the underserved will benefit the 63 counties that have a shortage of dental providers and in FAU's service area of Palm Beach, Broward, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties.

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

The FAU Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) program will increase the number of dental graduates in Florida. Expected returns on investment include increases in the number of dentists and allied dental professionals, such as dental hygienists and assistants that are added to Florida's workforce. The design and construction of a new 94,000 gsf facility will result in approximately 1,500 direct, indirect and induced jobs. It is estimated that an additional 540 indirect jobs will be created as a result of the College of Dentistry's annual operations.

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?

If Florida Atlantic University does not execute the plan as proposed, the state of Florida may relinquish all funds associated with this request.

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