



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3276

1. Project Title

University of Florida - Hamilton Center Building Additional Space Renovation

2. Senate Sponsor

Stan McClain

3. Date of Request

3/11/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education, established by the 2022 Legislature, supports teaching/research regarding ideas, traditions, texts that form the foundations of Western/American civilization. Project: Continued rehabilitation of a historic Infirmary Building (a basement and 3 floors) housing the Hamilton Center. Project scope includes additional substantive reconfiguration of current space &/or substantive changing types of BOG space categories.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Board of Governors

State Agency contacted?

Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	5,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	8,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>13,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	13,000,000	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 2025-2026</b>	<b>13,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	27,000,000	18	No

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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#### 10. 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?

01/09/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

04/02/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Existing university funds for maintenance will be used

11. 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.

University of Florida

#### 12. 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</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Continued hiring of world class faculty and staff.	5,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Continued renovation of space in UF's Infirmary Building (completed in 1931) for the Hamilton Center; addresses the need for classrooms, learning communities, conference rooms, and support space maintenance issues. Additional renovations will be designed/renovated per the parameters of the Division of Historic Resources.	8,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>13,000,000</b>

#### 13. 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?**

Home for the Hamilton Center, a new university-wide academic unit at UF.

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

UF renewed commitment to civic debate in an intellectually diverse community to support/challenge one another. Programmatic Outcomes: new curricular offerings; lectures/debates/symposia on matters of public importance; expanded civics resources/teacher training; increased focus ideas, traditions, texts forming the foundation of Western/American Civilization.

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

Thousands of grade school students, high school students and University of Florida students. The Center also provides training to Florida citizens and K-12 teachers.

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

Core purpose of the Hamilton Center is to help students (K-20) develop the knowledge, habits of thought, analytical ability, and character to be citizens and leaders in a free society. Measures to include development of programming/training related to civic education/values of open inquiry/civil discourse to support K-20. Reported Coordination/Activities with UF Hamilton Center, FSU Institute of Politics, FIU Adam Smith Center and School District curation/implementation of Portraits in Patriotism.

**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 in the contract?**

None

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:**

**b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:**



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**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

**17. Requester Contact Information**

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

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

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

**18. 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**  **Ext.**

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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