



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1000

1. Project Title Florida Atlantic University - Health Professions Clinical Training and Research Facility

2. Senate Sponsor Lori Berman

3. Date of Request 10/6/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Atlantic University Health Professions Clinical Training and Research Facility will serve as a clinical, educational and research space for all health profession studies majors at FAU. As the university continues its enrollment expansion in the College of Medicine, we will require additional clinical and instructional space in order to maintain accreditation standards. This facility will support class expansion, expand opportunities for research, increase collaborations with other colleges and provide simulation spaces and interprofessional education activities. The Health Professions Clinical Training and Research Facility is unique in that it will serve a variety of health professions students at Florida Atlantic and will allow for cross-collaboration and side-by-side clinical experiences.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Board of Governors

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	70,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	70,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	70,000,000	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 2026-2027	70,000,000	100%

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		
2025-26	0	10,000,000	2905	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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/01/2029

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

The University has committed to using Carryforward funds for the ongoing operations and maintenance of this project.

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.

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12. 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		
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	Engineering and construction of building	70,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		70,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

This 150,000 gsf facility located on the Boca Raton campus will blend experiential learning for health professions trainees with patient engagement and patient-oriented research. All colleges with health professions majors or programs at Florida Atlantic University, including nursing, medicine, engineering, science, education, business, social work and arts and letters, will be able to expand their ability to train the needed workforce in an interprofessional environment and the facility will allow the colleges to expand their annual enrollment and number of graduates.

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



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Resident training programs will expand to address the doctor shortage. Cross-disciplinary training in technology, engineering, business and data science will ensure that the workforce of tomorrow has the necessary skills to serve the community's needs. Ultimately, this state-of-the-art facility will provide a workforce pipeline of health-related professionals for South Florida to allow for the data-driven delivery of healthcare in the region.

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

The facility will be utilized to train future doctors, nurses, social workers and other health professionals. It will include an anatomy lab, simulation space, study spaces, as well as interprofessional education activities and expanded opportunities for research and collaboration with other colleges. The facility is unique in that it will serve all Colleges with health professions programs at Florida Atlantic University.

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

All students studying healthcare profession majors at Florida Atlantic University will have the opportunity to learn and train in this facility. These students will then go on to serve the neighboring communities, including but not limited to Florida Atlantic's immediate service area, which includes more than 3.2 million residents.

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

In addition to the immediate economic opportunities associated with constructing a 150,000 square foot facility on the Boca Raton campus, the building would also serve as a clinical and educational space for future doctors, nurses, social workers, engineers and more. The requested \$70 million from the Legislature, plus the university's commitment to secure the remaining funds in philanthropic donations, will allow FAU to complete construction.

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?

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

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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