



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1223

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will construct a new, dedicated basketball practice facility and repurpose the current practice courts into a 1,500-seat women's volleyball arena. The new facility will include modern training, recovery, locker room, equipment, and office spaces to support both men's and women's basketball, while the renovated spaces will provide purpose-built amenities for women's volleyball. Together, these upgrades enhance daily athletic operations, improve the student-athlete experience, and address Title IX facility requirements.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	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	5,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.
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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2028

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

Available recurring funds will be used to fund the normal operations of the facility, such as utilities, building services, etc. Maintenance will be funded from reserves as required by law, carry forward funding when appropriate, and deferred maintenance appropriations when provided.

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.

Florida State University is a public state university.

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	State funds will be used to construct a new basketball practice facility, including training, locker room, office, and recovery spaces. Funds will also support converting the existing practice courts into a women's volleyball arena and renovating adjacent areas to fully meet program and Title IX needs.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will create a new basketball practice facility and convert existing courts into a dedicated women's volleyball arena, providing modern training, recovery, and support spaces. This investment enhances student-athlete development, daily operations, and ensures Title IX facility requirements are met.

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



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

The project will provide citizens with access to enhanced collegiate athletic events, including a modern women's volleyball arena with expanded seating. It will also support community engagement through camps, clinics, and youth programs hosted in the upgraded facilities.

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

The target population includes student-athletes in the men's and women's basketball programs and the women's volleyball program, along with coaches and support staff. Indirectly, the facilities will serve spectators, community members, and youth participants, with an estimated 2,000–3,000 individuals benefiting annually through events, training, and programs.

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

The expected benefit is an improved quality of education and athletic experience for student-athletes, along with enhanced program under Title IX. This will be measured through student-athlete academic performance, retention and graduation rates, satisfaction surveys, and usage metrics of the new and renovated facilities.

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?

Revert state appropriation and withhold future funding for this project.

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

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.