



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1268

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To protect limited state resources, UCF seeks to re-purpose an existing campus building, addressing critical deferred maintenance while adapting the space to meet the present and future needs of students. Renovations will centralize student support services to create a One Stop Student Success Hub including academic advising, financial, career services and registrar services. This renovation will extend the life of a 55-year old building, reducing future maintenance costs.

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	25,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	25,500,000

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)	25,500,000	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	25,500,000	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		
2025-26	0	8,500,000	17	No

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.

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?

3/1/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

8/1/2030

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

UCF's base operational budget will need to cover plant, operations & maintenance as the state no longer funds PO&M for state buildings constructed on university campuses.

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.

Owner of building and land on which to be constructed: The State of Florida/Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. The land is leased to the Board of Trustees of the University of Central Florida which is responsible for operating and maintaining the building.

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	Fully funding the planning, design and construction costs of the \$34 million renovation project.	25,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		25,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

One of UCF's oldest buildings, Howard Phillips Hall is consistently ranked within the university's Facilities Condition Assessment as a priority due to aging systems and the overall condition. Funding would support a full renovation of the interior of the building and building systems, in addition to comprehensively reconfiguring the building to optimize space utilization and support the strategic goals of the university. The renovation would allow the university to co-locate student success departments to better serve students, downsize underutilized office space, and create new spaces that better support learning trends and student needs.



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

After funds are expended for the remodeling and renovation, Howard Phillips Hall will house a new Student Success Center and will provide academic advising, financial aid, registrar and career services for UCF students. This renovation supports the State University System's strategic priorities, including improving four-year graduation rates and enhancing student services to drive retention and career readiness.

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

The new Student Success Center in Howard Phillips Hall will provide academic advising, financial aid, registrar and career services for UCF students.

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

Applicants, registered, and enrolled University of Central Florida students.

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

Benefit: Student-centered and efficient design for the effective and efficient delivery of services to support student achievement, retention, and increasing 4-year graduation rates. This renovation supports the State University System's strategic priorities, including improving four-year graduation rates and enhancing student services to drive retention and career readiness.

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?

Reversion of state funding.

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

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