



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1526

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

FAMU seeks planning and development funds to initiate the development of a modern, multi-use facility on its Tallahassee campus. The project will expand FAMU Health and interdisciplinary programs through research, simulation-based learning, and workforce training. Serving both campus and community, the facility will support licensure preparation and partnerships that advance health innovation and opportunity across North Florida.

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	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	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	10,000,000	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.

Public private partnerships are being considered along with capital financing options and donor support.

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?

unknown

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

unknown

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.

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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	Construct a 150,000 sq. ft. health and wellness complex on FAMU's Tallahassee campus with labs, therapy and conditioning spaces, wellness clinics, and smart systems. Partner with expert firms to design an integrated, future-ready academic and community facility. Funding is requested for planning and development phase.	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

Funds will support planning and development of a modern, multi-use facility surrounding Bragg Memorial Stadium. The project will expand FAMU Health and interdisciplinary programs by integrating research, simulation-based learning, and workforce training while fostering collaboration across health, hospitality, sports, and facilities management disciplines.



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

Funds will be used for planning, design, and pre-construction work for a sustainable, technology-rich facility. Activities will include space design for simulation-based health training, interdisciplinary research, credentialing labs, and community engagement areas for public events, workshops, and fairs.

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

The facility will provide workforce training, career and health fairs, and community education programs that strengthen public health and economic opportunity. It will serve as a hub for healthcare simulation, professional credentialing, small-business engagement, and community wellness activities.

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

The project will serve FAMU students, faculty, healthcare professionals, community residents, and business partners across North Florida. Once operational, the facility is expected to directly serve more than 800 individuals annually through academic programs, community events, and professional training opportunities.

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

The project will expand Florida's healthcare and service workforce, strengthen industry partnerships, and enhance community engagement. Outcomes will be measured by increased program enrollment, credential completion rates, job placement data, number of community participants served, and the facility's annual economic impact on the region.

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?

Penalties that would apply related to the misuse of funds.

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

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