



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1528

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

4. Project/Program Description

Transforms unused space in FAMU's New Pharmacy Building into state-of-the-art research labs supporting STEM and health disciplines. Expands degree production, boosts research productivity, and enhances workforce readiness through hands-on training. Completes remaining floors of the Pharmacy Phase II Building to meet College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences instructional and research needs while advancing FAMU's strategic and statewide innovation goals.

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	13,108,950
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>13,108,950</b>

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)	13,108,950	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 2026-2027</b>	<b>13,108,950</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		
2023-24	0	14,309,913		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?

Q12026

##### d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Q42028

##### 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
<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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funding to complete the top two floors of the building, transforming them into modern laboratories for research.	13,108,950
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>13,108,950</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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

Funds will be used to complete construction of new research and instructional space for the Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. The project will expand laboratory capacity to advance pharmacy education, biomedical research, and workforce development in Florida's growing healthcare sector.

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



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Funds will support construction, renovation, and equipment installation for modern laboratories and classrooms. These facilities will foster hands-on research, interdisciplinary instruction, and experiential learning that prepare students for licensure, clinical practice, and leadership in pharmaceutical and public health professions.

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

The project will expand training and clinical research opportunities for pharmacy and public health students, enabling them to provide community health outreach, medication counseling, and disease prevention services. It will also enhance partnerships with healthcare providers and expand access to health resources for underserved populations.

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

The project serves FAMU students pursuing pharmacy, public health, and biomedical degrees; faculty conducting applied health research; and Florida communities benefiting from outreach and service programs. The expanded facility is expected to directly serve more than 800 students and faculty annually and indirectly benefit thousands through community health engagement.

**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 boost degree production in high-demand health fields, increase research output, and strengthen Florida's healthcare workforce. Success will be measured by higher graduation and licensure rates, growth in funded research and publications, and expanded partnerships and service hours in community health programs.

**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**

**c. E-mail Address**



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d. Phone Number

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