



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1631

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Florida State University is seeking funds to design, program, and plan to construct a new state-of-the-art facility for the FSU College of Nursing (FSU CON) to address the pressing need for an advanced educational facility and cutting-edge research space. This new nursing facility will be equipped with modern classrooms, advanced research laboratories, and sophisticated healthcare simulation spaces. The project seeks to create an environment conducive to interdisciplinary collaboration, innovative learning, and pioneering research in nursing and healthcare. By leveraging the latest technologies and educational methodologies, the project endeavors to enhance the quality of education and research within the nursing field, ultimately contributing to the improvement of healthcare outcomes and the development of highly skilled healthcare professionals.

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	38,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	38,000,000

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)	38,000,000	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	38,000,000	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		
2025-26	0	10,000,000	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.



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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?

07/01/2026

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	Funds will be primarily utilized for the comprehensive planning, design, and construction of an advanced College of Nursing (CON) building at the Florida State University (FSU). These funds will be instrumental in creating modern classrooms equipped with cutting-edge technological capabilities, facilitating advanced research spaces dedicated to clinical investigation and health data science, and establishing sophisticated healthcare simulation areas to provide hands-on training for students	38,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		38,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The allocation of funds requested from the Florida Legislature serves a specific and crucial purpose aimed at advancing the infrastructure and capabilities of the FSU CON. By securing the proposed financial resources, the primary goal is to catalyze the comprehensive development and expansion of the FSU CON, thereby addressing the critical shortage of nurses in Florida. Such an enhancement will not only accommodate the escalating enrollment of nursing students but will also pave the way for groundbreaking research initiatives focusing on disease prevention and treatment. Moreover, the envisaged facility will foster a dynamic learning environment, emphasizing interdisciplinary collaboration and equipping the next generation of healthcare professionals.

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

University will use funds for the purpose of contracting out planning and initial construction of a new, advanced FSU College of Nursing.

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

With the expanded facilities and advanced educational programs, the FSU CON will contribute to alleviating the critical shortage of nurses in Florida, better equipping the nurses of tomorrow for the evolving world of healthcare. The cutting-edge research initiatives made possible by this new facility will directly impact patient care and contribute to the advancement of medical knowledge, ultimately leading to improved health outcomes for the citizens of Florida.

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

The proposed project by FSU CON primarily targets the growing population in Florida by providing nursing students, faculty members, and healthcare professionals within the state of Florida the best education provided by emerging technologies. With a projected expansion in enrollment and program offerings, the project aims to directly serve an estimated total of over 800 nursing students annually, including both undergraduate and advanced degree programs.

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

By significantly addressing the persistent nursing shortage and advancing healthcare research, the project aims to elevate the standards of nursing education and practice, ultimately leading to improved health outcomes for the population. The integration of cutting-edge technology and innovative teaching methodologies will empower nursing students to acquire the necessary skills and expertise to thrive in the complex healthcare environment. Moreover, the anticipated outcomes of the research initiatives and collaborative programs are set to contribute to the development of novel healthcare solutions, fostering disease prevention, treatment, and community wellness. By implementing a robust evaluation framework encompassing key performance indicators, such as graduation rates, research publications, and community health program participation, the project will rigorously measure its impact.

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 initiative.

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



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- ☐ 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:

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



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☐ 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

d. Phone Number

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