



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1385

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Built in 1967, the Dittmer Chemistry Lab Building served as primary teaching, research, and administrative space for the Chemistry Department. The building has received only minor remodeling and renovation and has not benefitted from a substantial and thorough rehabilitation effort. This project should be considered an effort to meet stewardship and university strategic plan goals (Goal VI). In FY 23-24, Governor DeSantis recommended funding for this project as part of his recommended budget. This project was included on the Board of Governors' three-year priority PECO list.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	55,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>55,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	55,000,000	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 2024-2025</b>	<b>55,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	40,000,000	18	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Revenue: \$69.5M Direct Student Aid and \$85.2M Institutional Support. Expenses: 1) \$69.5M Direct Student Aid; 2) \$85.2M Campus Operations: \$57.2M-Lost revenues in campus auxiliaries; \$8.7M-Campus health/safety; \$8.2M-Reimbursements for housing/study abroad/meal plans; \$1.0M-IT infrastructure and equipment for remote/distance learning; \$0.4M Off-campus quarantine housing; \$9.7M-Other operating costs

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. 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?

TBD

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

TBD

12. 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.

### 13. 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: Other</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	The scope of this remodeling effort includes the replacement of all building engineering systems, including mechanical, electrical, and plumbing, corrective measures to the building envelope replacement/repair of interior architectural finishes, and the reallocation of space to meet the needs of the Chemistry Department.	55,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>55,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Funds appropriated will be used to remodel the Dittmer Chemistry Lab Building, which was built in 1967. This building serves as the primary teaching and research space for the FSU Chemistry Department and will serve as an on-campus facility to further the FSU Health initiative through cutting-edge health sciences research and STEM education. Specifically, funds will be used to replace all building engineering systems, including mechanical, electrical, and plumbing.

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

Repair/replace the building's infrastructure (e.g., mechanical, electrical, HVAC systems, etc.) to avoid the need for continually repairing water intrusion damage and dated mechanical, electrical, and HVAC equipment.

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

The remodeled building will facilitate the innovative, team-based, multidisciplinary interactions required for major advances in studying basic mechanisms of chemistry. Additionally, integrating updated technology, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and big data analytics into the Department of Chemistry's foundation will provide the infrastructure needed to educate students.

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

The target population is FSU's 45,000 member student body.

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

This project will improve the quality of education increasing the research space available in the remodeled building and redesigning the Dittmer Chemistry Lab from individual research laboratory space into an interdisciplinary hub to facilitate research and STEM education for student students of all levels. This project will also increase economic activity, prepare students for the healthcare and research workforces, and create specific immediate job opportunities. A preliminary conservative economic impact of the remodeled Dittmer Chemistry Lab is expected to generate more than \$129 million in economic output and create 679 high-paying jobs over the lifetime of the project.

**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 the contract?**

Revert state appropriation and withhold future funding for this initiative.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. 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



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University or College

Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number