



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2540

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Florida Atlantic University will add a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) program and a College of Dentistry on the Boca Raton campus. The DMD program will produce general dentists who will provide comprehensive person-centered oral health care for patients of all ages and abilities by working in teams with other health care providers. The College of Dentistry will be housed in a new 94,000 square foot facility and will be the second public dental school in the state. The program will focus on recruiting students with a passion to work in underserved and rural areas. In addition to hiring faculty and professional staff, the start-up of the program will require state-of-the-art specialized equipment, operating capital outlay and other personnel services such as consultants. The FAU College of Dentistry aims to begin offering the Doctor of Dental Medicine degree program beginning in 2027.

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	32,857,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	32,857,000

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)	32,857,000	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 2024-2025	32,857,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	5,000,000	152	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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

Local grants and philanthropic donations as part of a multiyear endeavor.



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

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

\$57M HEERF Student - Students' financial needs. \$82M HEERF Institutional & HSI funds - COVID testing & supplies, housing beds & COVID related expenditures, student AR balances & lost revenues due to COVID, IT expenses for students' basic needs on campus.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

13. 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: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Projected annual recurring expenses related to salaries and benefits of hiring approximately 40 staff and faculty to continue operationalization of program such as accreditation and curriculum, as well as implementation and execution of IT, library and research services, simulation, and rural outreach.	32,857,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		32,857,000

14. Program Performance



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

This request supports the continued creation and operations of the FAU College of Dentistry, as well as the infrastructure for the College including the hiring of a founding dean, associate dean for student affairs, assistant dean of curriculum, senior faculty, and administrative personnel. FAU will hire an assistant dean of admissions and staff to support student and faculty recruitment goals, work with a consulting firm to expedite accreditation, purchase learning tools and equipment and will create scholarships and incentives to encourage professional service in rural and underserved areas after graduation.

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

In addition to standardized patient clinical program requirements, dental care clinic experiences will be operationalized throughout FAU's service area, similar to the clinical rotations provided by FAU's College of Medicine and College of Nursing. The College of Dentistry will partner with public and private partners in the FAU Health Network and is an essential component of FAU Health Network's mission to best serve the growing population of Florida. The clinical, educational and research opportunities afforded by offering a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree will further enhance Florida's life sciences sector, boosting all workforce and related economic impact.

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

FAU Health Network aims to best serve the healthcare needs of the population of the region and of Florida through education, research integration, and inter-professional practice. The FAU College of Dentistry is a key pillar in this foundation of care delivery, providing a pipeline of highly trained dental professionals that are well equipped to serve the community and have a focus on serving rural and underserved areas.

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

Between 80-90% of the dental students that train in Florida remain in Florida, and this will have a tremendous impact on the number of dentists available to serve in the state. Focusing the curriculum on serving the underserved will benefit the 63 counties that have a shortage of dental providers and in FAU's direct service area of Palm Beach, Broward, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties.

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

The primary educational outcomes of the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree program include student enrollment and graduation numbers. Primary workforce outcomes are the number and percentage of students who successfully pass the National Board Dental Examination and enter the dental workforce in Florida, specifically in underserved and/or rural parts of the state. FAU's DMD will increase the number of dental graduates in Florida and will recruit students likely to stay in the region as they develop ties to the community, increasing the likelihood of retention. ROI includes increases in the number of dentists, as well as allied dental professionals, such as dental hygienists and assistants, that are added to Florida's workforce.

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?

If Florida Atlantic University does not execute the plan as proposed, the state of Florida may relinquish all funds associated with this request.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number