



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2809

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

As identified in the University of North Florida's last Educational Plant Survey there is need for over 77,000 NSF of study space to support students on campus. Currently, the University has only 64% of space need met in this category. To be located on the former Building 11 site between the Thomas G. Carpenter Library and University Green, this adjacency will build on the success and popularity of the Library Commons space and places it in a prime location in the campus core to serve the needs of the students. Additionally this adjacency will provide prime academic support space in the heart of campus. The much needed academic space will consist of classrooms, support areas, administrative offices, and administrative support areas.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	40,242,365
Total State Funds Requested	40,242,365

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)	40,242,365	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	40,242,365	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

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



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Yes

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

Approximately \$77 million received. Half of funding used for financial aid, half for Covid-related expenses.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Estimated 60,350 GSF building to include study, office, classroom and instructional media spaces. Requested amount covers: building construction cost, site preparation, infrastructure, professional fees, permit and contingency.	40,242,365
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		40,242,365

14. Program Performance

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



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UNF's Educational Plant Survey, as mentioned earlier, indicates that there is currently insufficient study space to meet the needs of students. The requested funds will allow UNF to build a new structure that will provide needed study space. Additionally, it will allow us to consolidate a number of student academic and career services that currently are scattered around campus and often difficult for students to find. Enhancement of student support services is a key goal in UNF's new strategic plan, and this structure will be instrumental to achieving that goal.

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

In addition to study space, the new structure would include student learning centers such as the Writing Center, the SMART Center (for math and statistics support), the Taylor Leadership Institute, and the Office of Experiential Learning, which includes career-development support. Student Academic Support Services, which provides supplemental instruction and tutoring services for students, would also be moved to the new structure. Currently, these services are scattered across campus, hidden in several different buildings. The new structure will create a "one-stop shop" for all student support services.

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

Students, over 90% of whom are from Florida and especially northeast Florida, will have access to study space, learning centers, tutoring and other individualized academic services, and a center dedicated to providing students with internships, research experiences, leadership experience, community-based learning, and entrepreneurship experience.

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

The primary population will be undergraduates enrolled at UNF, with a secondary focus on graduate students. Currently, UNF has an enrollment of 16,575, 87% of whom are undergraduate students. The 2023–2028 strategic plan, however, includes the goal of growing to 25,000 students by 2028.

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

Currently, UNF students have access to a variety of academic support services that are decentralized and not always easy for students to find. Improvements in accessibility to these services, as well as the opportunity to scale up these services as the university grows, will have a direct and quantifiable impact on measures such as academic progress rate, four-year graduation rates, and career success, all of which are key accountability measures by which UNF is evaluated by the Board of Governors.

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?

This contract will be subject to a GMP. As such, any cost overruns and/or delays will be the responsibility of the contractor(s) and outlined in the contract. We have had success with this model on previous projects.

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



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- 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