



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1656

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The StAC will be the cornerstone of Florida Poly's campus expansion, enhancing student success by providing centralized support services, academic resources, and collaborative spaces. Designed to accommodate enrollment growth to 3,000 students by 2030, it will foster innovation, community, and career development. This strategic investment ensures Florida Poly remains a premier institution for high-skilled, high-wage workforce development.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	44,468,185
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>44,468,185</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	44,468,185	82%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	10,000,000	18%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>54,468,185</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		
2024-25	0	5,698,055	18	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.

Authorized State University funds and private gifts and donations can be used in support of this project.

**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)?**

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?**

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

**e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?**

**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.**

**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	Construction for the building cost of Florida Poly's Student Achievement Center (StAC), what will be the cornerstone of Florida Polytechnic University's campus expansion, embodying our commitment to nurturing student success and fostering a vibrant learning environment.	44,468,185
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>44,468,185</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

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



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The funds will be used to construct and equip the Student Achievement Center with state-of-the-art facilities designed to support student success. This includes the development of study spaces, tutoring centers, and collaboration areas where students can engage in peer learning and faculty mentorship. The facility will also house career services that connect students with internship opportunities, industry mentorships, and professional development programs that prepare them for Florida's workforce. Additionally, the center will serve as a space for innovation, where students can engage in interdisciplinary research and hands-on learning experiences that align with industry needs.

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

The Student Achievement Center will provide a range of direct services to Florida Poly students, including enhanced access to academic support through tutoring, advising, and mentorship programs. The facility will also strengthen career readiness by offering job placement services, employer networking opportunities, and internship coordination. Additionally, it will provide collaborative learning spaces that encourage innovation, teamwork, and research opportunities, ensuring students are well-prepared for high-tech careers in Florida.

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

The primary beneficiaries of this project are Florida Polytechnic University students, who will have access to critical resources that support their academic and professional development. As enrollment expands, the center is expected to serve over 3,000 students annually. Secondary beneficiaries include Florida's high-tech employers, who will gain access to well-prepared STEM graduates, as well as the broader Central Florida region, which will benefit from an increased supply of skilled workers contributing to the economy.

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

The Student Achievement Center is expected to improve student retention and graduation rates by providing enhanced academic and career support services. The success of the project will be measured by tracking institutional data on student retention, progression, and degree completion rates. Additionally, job placement rates will be monitored through career services to assess how well graduates transition into Florida's STEM workforce. Industry engagement and internship participation rates will also serve as indicators of the center's impact in connecting students with high-tech career opportunities.

**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?**

Appropriate oversight and reporting mechanisms should be implemented to track progress and ensure the effective use of funds.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**  No

**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



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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

Other (please specify)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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