



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1657

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Florida Polytechnic University is committed to strategically and sustainably growing enrollment to 3,000 students while maintaining high academic standards and strong student support services. Under new leadership, the university carefully evaluated what is needed to achieve this growth and developed a clear, structured plan to ensure expansion is both effective and sustainable. While previous funding requests aimed at growth, this request is different—it outlines the specific resources required to support more students without compromising quality. The \$21.5 million in recurring operational funding will allow Florida Poly to hire additional faculty, expand academic programs in high-demand STEM fields, and enhance student services, including academic advising, career development, and tutoring. This investment ensures intentional, high-quality growth that will attract top students, retain them through graduation, and prepare them for high-wage, high-skill jobs in Florida's workforce.

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	21,574,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	21,574,000

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)	21,574,000	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 2025-2026	21,574,000	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		
2024-25	0	3,000,000	147	Yes

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)?

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
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	Florida Polytechnic University is committed to hiring essential personnel to support student body growth, academic success, and faculty recruitment. These hires will enable the University to maintain a high standard of education, student services, and research capabilities.	12,705,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funding will support student recruitment, academic success, and program innovation, ensuring Florida Poly can accommodate student growth. Scholarships will assist students directly, while operational funding will enhance recruitment efforts, student services, and academic programs through faculty research, technology, and infrastructure improvements.	8,869,000
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)		21,574,000



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13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will support Florida Poly's strategic plan to increase enrollment to 3,000 students while maintaining the university's high academic standards and strong student support services. To ensure sustainable growth, these funds will allow for faculty hiring, expansion of academic programs, and enhancement of student services, all of which are essential to providing a high-quality STEM education that aligns with workforce needs.

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

The funds will be used to hire additional faculty members to maintain small class sizes and ensure student-faculty engagement. Expanding academic programs in high-demand STEM fields will attract new students and help meet industry workforce needs. Additionally, these funds will enhance student services, including academic advising, career development, tutoring programs, and mental health resources, all of which are critical to supporting student success and ensuring they graduate career-ready.

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

This project will provide Florida Polytechnic University students with access to high-quality STEM education, hands-on learning experiences, and career development opportunities that prepare them for high-wage jobs in Florida's innovation economy. The funding will also support faculty recruitment and retention, ensuring students have access to top-tier instruction and mentorship. Additionally, by strengthening career development services, the project will help connect students with employers, internships, and industry partnerships that facilitate job placement upon graduation.

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

The primary beneficiaries are Florida Poly students, with enrollment expected to reach 3,000 in the coming years. Florida employers will also benefit from a larger pool of highly skilled graduates trained in critical STEM fields. The broader impact extends to the state's economy, as a greater number of Florida Poly graduates will remain in the state and contribute to its technology-driven industries.

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

The expected outcomes of this project include increased enrollment, improved student retention and graduation rates, and a higher number of graduates entering Florida's STEM workforce. These outcomes will be measured through institutional enrollment data, degree completion rates, and career services reports that track graduate employment in high-tech industries. Additionally, the success of faculty hiring and academic program expansion will be assessed by monitoring student-faculty ratios, program enrollment, and employer feedback on graduate preparedness.

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?

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?



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- Yes, Applied
- 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



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University or College

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.