



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1811

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To continue FIU's leadership and impact as a top public research university and as a major contributor to the economy of the State of Florida, these investments are focused on attracting and retaining excellent FIU students and faculty and continuing to raise its national reputation for academic and research excellence.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	65,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>65,000,000</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)	65,000,000	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 2025-2026</b>	<b>65,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.

### Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction



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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	Faculty Recruitment and faculty and staff retention	45,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Elevating the FIU Student Experience	10,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Upgrade the Digital, Compliance and Security Infrastructure	10,000,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>65,000,000</b>

13. Program Performance

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

This entire Legislative Budget Request, and its four key initiatives, supports student services, student enrollment, and all academic programs at FIU. We are focused on ensuring an elevated experience for all FIU prospective and current students. This LBR is projected to enhance all aspects of student life, from security, compliance, and cybersecurity to retaining top faculty and staff, reducing the faculty-student ratio, and directly investing in the FIU experience.

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



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Fortify Florida's national reputation as a hub for economic growth, research, and innovation in higher education and in the community at large. Promoting stronger economic growth as the majority of FIU graduates choose to remain in Florida and join the ranks of Florida's workforce and are the future entrepreneurs who will help create the types of jobs needed for Florida's future as a leading economy. The contributions of FIU students, researchers and graduates will further the state's already outstanding record of attracting out-of-state partners, businesses, and entrepreneurs to Florida's innovation ecosystem.

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

This proposal has four key areas that elevate excellence at FIU by investing in: the recruitment of leading faculty; the retention of the faculty and staff that have helped FIU achieve preeminence and our continued success on performance funding; the elevation of the FIU student experience; and the continued upgrading of compliance and security infrastructure.

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

The 56,000 FIU students enrolled

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

Investment in FIU's research excellence will support an efficient and productive enterprise. FIU is ranked #64 out of all Carnegie R1 universities in research expenditures, second in the state for supporting full-time employment's (FTE) with grant funding and accomplishes these goals with the smallest faculty size among preeminent and emerging preeminent universities.

**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?**

Return of State 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?**

- 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:**



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**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**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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