



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2402

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The FSU Arts District building will provide a hub for the arts an unite FSU's arts programs from the College of Fine Arts, College of Motion Picture Arts, and College of Music. This facility will provide greater educational value to the students at FSU, as well as K-12 students in the community who will likewise benefit from FSU's arts programs. Additionally, the community will see a benefit not only through an increase in quality arts and cultural events, but also through the improvement of the economy driven by the Arts District.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</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)	5,000,000	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>5,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	1,467,202	18	No

9. Is future-year 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.

In lieu of state funding, private funds may be utilized.

**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)?** No

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** 06/01/2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 05/31/2026

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

Available recurring funds will be used to fund the normal operations of the facility, such as utilities, building services, etc. Maintenance will be funded from reserves as required by law, carry forward funding when appropriate, and deferred maintenance appropriations when provided.

**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.**

Florida State University is a public state university. The university will receive all funding and fixed capital outlay funding.

**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	Florida State University will use this initial appropriation as planning money to program and design this transformative district that will provide a significant investment to the Florida economy.	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The construction of the FSU Arts District would bring numerous benefits to the students at Florida State and the citizens of the Tallahassee community. First, the building would provide state-of-the-art art instruction to students and provide a venue for a wide range of artistic performances and exhibitions including music, theater, dance, and visual arts.

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



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These funds will facilitate planning and initial construction for the FSU Arts District building that will unite three academic colleges: the College of Fine Arts, the College of Motion Picture Arts, and the College of Music. The district will also include space for the FSU "Flying High" Circus, Opening Nights, and the Maggie Allese National Center for Choreography (MANCC).

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

The FSU Arts District would provide citizens with access to world-class cultural experiences and educational opportunities, which would help build a strong sense of community. This can be measured by attendance at events, feedback from the community, and the variety and quality of programming offered.

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

Target population are university students, K12 students and the general community as a whole, here in Leon County.

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

The Art district will provide the public with a world-class culture experience and educational opportunity and build a stronger community.

**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?**

Revert state appropriation and withhold future funding for this initiative.

**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:**

**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**



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- Yes, Applied
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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

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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