



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2610

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Founded by the Florida Legislature, the FSU College of Medicine and College of Nursing have delivered exemplary training of physicians and nurses since 2000 and 1950, respectively. FSU plays an essential role in training the next generation of the health care workforce in Florida, with nearly 60% of its physician alumni practicing in Florida or a county bordering Florida. Additionally, 60% of College of Medicine graduates practice in Primary Care, and FSU has matriculated over 8,000 FSU nursing graduates in Florida. The university is dedicated to expanding its strengths in research; building on a record \$350M in research expenditures in 2020. FSU is pushing the boundaries of innovation, clinical care, community service, and education. The extension of FSU research and innovation activities to Panama City will accelerate the highly innovative and impactful endeavors already underway and support the broader economic development of the region.

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	10,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>10,000,000</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)	10,000,000	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>10,000,000</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		
2023-24	0	4,000,000	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.

In lieu of state funds, private funds may be used.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2028

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.

FSU is a public state university.

### 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	Planning and initial construction costs for a facility of approximately 80,000 gross square feet (GSF) of research and education related open spaces distributed over four floors. The total estimated cost is \$70.8 million including wet and dry laboratory spaces, as well as randomizes controlled trial (RCT) facilities.	10,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>10,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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Funds will support the planning and initial construction of the FSU Health Academic Research Center (ARC) in Panama City, which will provide a collaborative, multidisciplinary ecosystem for investigator, clinicians, educators, and students to fuel innovation and discovery and educate the health care workforce of the future. The FSU Health ARC will also help to supply the critical workforce infrastructure required to sustain the growing health care needs of northwest Florida.

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

FSU collaborate with architects and engineers to plan the construction of the FSU Health Panama City Academic Research Center.

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

FSU Health ARC will provide patients access to new drugs, devices, and clinical innovations developed by investigators through cutting-edge research and clinical trials, as well as improved access to the broad array of services offered by current healthcare providers in the community.

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

The target population is FSU medical students and people in northwest Florida who need access to health care.

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

The FSU Health ARC will improve the quality of medical education at FSU by attracting world-class researchers who are drawn to its robust environment and outstanding collaborators who will work in this facility, as well as the high quality of life in the greater Panama City area. This can be measured by the number of professionals who seek out opportunities in this area and the number of FSU students who go on to practice medicine in the area. This project will also improve the economy and create 200 permanent high-paying jobs directly and indirectly, as well as 700 construction jobs and \$96m in economic output through construction. A conservative economic impact of the project is expected to add \$31m annually in economic output.

**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#:**



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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

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number

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