



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2824

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Florida's standing as the most veteran-friendly state in the nation is elevated by its preeminent universities, particularly Florida State, with its veteran-rich heritage and national reputation for student support and success. Requested funds will be used for the construction of a 56,028 square foot Veterans Legacy Complex (VLC) which will consolidate and amplify Florida State's military-related initiatives (Student Veterans Center, Army & Air Force ROTC, and the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience) into a distinct, synergistic, and inspirational facility for education, research, leadership training, and support services.

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	24,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	24,000,000

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)	24,000,000	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	24,000,000	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	7,500,000	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 funding, private funds may be utilized.



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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?

06/30/2027

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.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used to complete the construction of the Veterans Legacy Complex. When completed, the building will house administrative, educational, and meeting space distributed over four floors to support student veterans, active-duty service members, and personnel.	24,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		24,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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FSU is seeking funds to complete funding for the construction of the 56,028 square foot Veterans Legacy Complex to consolidate three existing programs (Student Veterans Center, World War II Institute, and FSU Army and Air Force ROTC), which recurrently house in separate locations across the main campus of FSU. This new facility will provide needed services and support for service members and student veterans and provide a focal point for their activities on the FSU campus.

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

University officials will use funds for the purpose of constructing the FSU Veterans Legacy Complex.

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

This complex will co-locate three separate standalone but related university programs. The three programs are the Student Veterans Center, the World War II Institute, and the FSU Army and Air Force ROTC programs/ This complex will allow FSU to better address the unique academic, social, and compliance issues concerning student veterans and active military student population, while also elevating these students' contributions.

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

The target populations are FSU's 45,000-member student body, particularly students who are veterans or active-duty military.

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

The Veterans Legacy Complex will improve the quality of education at FSU and the quality of life for student veterans and students who are active-duty military. FSU's commitment to veterans is integral to the mission of this project. The Veterans Legacy Complex will better address the unique veteran and military students' unique needs, including deployment, re-enrollment, and the physical and mental concerns impacting student veterans. Additional services provided will help current and former military students to complete their degrees in a timely manner. This support and commitment to our student veterans will increase our student retention and graduation rates, thereby generating a greater return for state taxpayers.

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? 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
- No, but intends to apply



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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

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.



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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.