



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2851

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Mathews Building (Bldg. 15) includes departmental and general classrooms, computer labs, departmental offices and faculty offices. The building is showing its age due to the high use and minimal improvements over the years. Most classrooms need to be upgraded to reflect current teaching technology and laboratories with sufficient power. The project will remodel all three floors to provide additional faculty offices, modern classrooms and labs, and inviting collaborative spaces for faculty and students. Significant upgrades to power, HVAC and roofing systems are necessary to ensure sufficient future use of this core campus building.

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	33,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>33,000,000</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)	33,000,000	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>33,000,000</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		

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

E&G operating funds

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.

UNF/State of Florida owns facility.

### 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	Design, Construction, FF&E	33,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>33,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

Improvements in student academic experience, as well as the opportunity to increase program offerings in STEM degrees as the university grows in accordance with its strategic plan.

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



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A remodel/renovation of three floors of the building, creating expanded curriculum, updated classrooms, and study area with collaborative space for students. Project includes installation of new ceilings and lighting, updating and reengineering HVAC and electrical systems throughout the building, including better control systems and power distribution to meet increasing technology needs.

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

Students, over 90% of whom are from Florida and especially northeast Florida, will have access to additional classroom, study space and updated and safe building systems needed for proper building function.

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

This building serves the entire student body of UNF. More than 17,000 students, faculty and staff will benefit.

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

Number of graduates in STEM areas and programs of strategic emphasis are evaluated by the Board of Governors. We report them annually through our Accountability Plan, and they are part of the Performance Funding Metrics by which all of the SUS is measured.

**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?**

This contract will be subject to a GMP. As such, any cost overruns and/or delays will be the responsibility of the contractor(s) and outlined in the contract. We have had success with this model on previous projects.

**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

**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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