



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2896

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

4. Project/Program Description

Many FGCU students often remain on campus, as they either do not live on campus or their residence does not make it feasible to leave and return for classes throughout a given day. Research consistently demonstrates that students' academic achievements are positively impacted by the on-campus support and services they receive. FGCU goal is to reconstruct and design communal spaces where students can access specialized support services, collaboratively work and gain valuable time for studies.

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 | 12,226,939 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 12,226,939 |

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) | 12,226,939 | 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 | 12,226,939 | 100% |

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



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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? 7/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 7/1/2028

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

Operational funding will be derived from current appropriations and/or auxiliary related revenues if available.

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 Gulf Coast University (FGCU). State owned facility.

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 | Planning, construction and equipment necessary for redesign and construction. | 12,226,939 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 12,226,939 |

13. Program Performance

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

In addition to student programming the Cohen Student Union, offers an opportunity to grow our Eagle Culture on campus, build school spirit, and expand our resiliency practices on campus. Strengthens academic and student engagement with specialized student support services through the reconfiguration of E&G space in a highly accessible location for a transformative not transactional atmosphere. Fosters collaborative learning opportunities that provides student study rooms and offices for students.

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



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Incorporate specialized student support services through the reconfiguration of E&G space in a highly accessible location to cultivate a transformative not transactional atmosphere. Student study rooms, offices for student support services, and space for students to access the university networks and other services.

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

By creating a space to foster innovation and collaboration, as well as, providing fundamental resources, FGCU will provide space for student research, live video and sound production with many other services for entrepreneurial learning and ability to gain skills for an ever-evolving workforce.

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

University students with thousands of students served.

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

Integrate students' holistic wellness with their educational goals to enhance their progression and provide an enriched cultural experience. Metrics: Scores on National Survey of Student Engagement and Ruffalo Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory. Ensure every student engages in academically integrated, high-impact practices including experiential learning to connect meaningful, real-world experience to their study and create personalized pathways of coursework that align with academic goals thereby improving retention and graduation rates. Metric: Percentage of students with two high impact practices by graduation. SUS performance-based metrics.

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?

All FGCU construction contracts have mechanisms for penalties and payment retaining in order to create incentives for the project to be completed on time.

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

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.