



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2926

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

4. Project/Program Description

In 1984, the Florida Legislature appropriated funds to be used in the planning, property acquisition, and site development for a new engineering campus to serve as the FAMU FSU College of Engineering. Currently, the College shares classroom space in FSU's Mag Lab, Research Buildings A & B, as well as offices and conference rooms. Study space is in hallways and lobby areas. Events that require auditorium space must be scheduled in spaces on the FAMU or FSU campus when available, and there is no space to display projects and achievements. To accommodate the projected growth of the College in all these areas, completion of the originally conceived three-building complex now becomes a matter of urgency.

The requested funds will be used for the planning of a 163,867 gross square foot addition to Building C of the college.

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	80,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	80,000,000

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)	80,000,000	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	80,000,000	100%

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		
2024-25	0	5,000,000	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.

Private funds may 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?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2028

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.

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 for the initial planning of a 163,867 gross square foot addition to Building C in the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, which is in dire need of space including classrooms, teaching labs, study areas, research lab space, office, auditorium space, instructional media space, and support services space.	80,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		80,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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These funds will be used for the initial planning of construction for the approximately 163,867 gross square foot (GSF) of new space for the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering Building C. It will also provide renovation funds for the non-assignable spaces for the tie-in areas between the existing and new construction and allow for upgrading and replacing signage and wayfinding (currently done on paper). To accommodate the growth of the college, completing of the originally conceived three-building complex is necessary and urgent.

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 carrying out the construction of additional space for Building C of the joint FAMU-FSU College of Engineering.

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

The join college's primary goal is to provide a challenging and educational experience for our students that will enable them to become effective engineering professionals in a society where demand for engineers is ever-present. However, the college's facilities are not equipped to provide the students with the space they need to conduct research, learn, or even study. These funds will be used to better support engineering students.

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

The target population is university students at FSU and FAMU, which is more than 800 students.

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

This project will improve quality of education. It will serve 6 critical engineering disciplines that are all of strategic importance within the STEM field. Engineering is critical for startup, job creation, and the health of the State economy. This investment will pay off by allowing high-quality entrepreneurial students to positively impact the economy. According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, engineering jobs are projected to grow 10.9% from 2017 to 2025, which even larger growth project in the key fields of study offered at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, including a 14.6% increase in environmental, 15.2% in civil, and 23.7% in biomedical.

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



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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.