



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2934

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The goal is to increase bar passage rates which is connected to having proper facilities and health support. FAMU will create an onsite eating and health services facility in the law school. FAMU will also install a data management system to assess student success, engagement and learning which will assist with bar passage rates for the College of Law.

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	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	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	10,000,000	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

10. Status of Construction



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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?

9-1-2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01.2026

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

We will use maintenance dollars from the university based on the space. The space utilization report is due annually and we utilize dollars when there is a pressing maintenance need.

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 A&M University and the Florida A&M University College of Law.

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	Fund a three year institutional partnership with bar prep companies to ensure all of the students have bar preparation services. This will improve bar passage rates.	1,000,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	FAMU will establish a community legal clinic to provide pro bono services for citizens who cannot afford legal services, including assistance with landlord tenant cases, mediation, and other civil matters to serve citizens of the state. This helps citizens of the region while giving students practical experience.	1,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	FAMU will create an onsite eating and health services facility in the law school. FAMU will also install a data management system to assess student success, engagement and learning which will assist with bar passage rates for the College of Law.	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will pay for infrastructure upgrades and will create a proper food and health facility inside of the law school. The law school has no onsite eating or health services space. The goal is to make a conducive learning environment for students which helps academic success and bar passage rates. FAMU will also install a data management system to assess student success, engagement, and learning which tracks academic metrics.



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

Food and health services will be provided by having a space on the campus for students to be served which allows them to not have to leave campus because the College of Law is located in a food desert. The data management system will track the progress of students which will assist with academic progress and fix any deficiencies that are found.

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

This funding would provide FAMU College of Law students an opportunity to assist citizens through the College's community legal clinic by providing pro bono services to Florida's citizens and gain first-hand experience as practicing attorneys through experiential learning. FAMU will establish a community legal clinic to provide pro bono services for citizens who cannot afford legal services, including assistance with landlord tenant cases, mediation, and other civil matters. This practical experience is attached to bar passage rates.

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

Each year, roughly 330 students from around the state and country desire to pursue a legal education at an affordable rate in a large city. Located near downtown Orlando in an area surrounded by poverty, the pro bono services given by the law school will help local residents.

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

Data will be collected from the Florida Bar to measure the benefited outcome.

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?

Standard penalties will apply.

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:



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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



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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