



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2935

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Florida A&M University (FAMU) is seeking to continue efforts in enhancing campus security and infrastructure. With documented experiences of individuals attacking college campuses, security hardening enhancements would assist in FAMU's effort to continue to strengthen physical security, meet infrastructure needs, upgrade cybersecurity defense, improve campus communication systems, and to strengthen security and infrastructure on our campus, particularly at the Lawson Center.

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	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	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	5,000,000	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? 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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	FAMU will utilize funds to purchase, install, and maintain equipment and supplies, including sirens, cameras, lights, metal detectors, security house checkpoints at the entrance of campus, and other communication systems to enhance campus security.	2,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	FAMU will utilize funds to enhance campus security by purchasing reinforcing fencing, concrete barriers, installing keyless automatic doors, smart cameras, hurricane windows, video surveillance technology, cybersecurity solutions, campus safety vehicles, safety and emergency cameras, lighting, and install campus wide communication speaker systems to strengthen security on campus.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The goal is security enhancement and hardening to protect, upgrade, and fortify the campus and the Lawson center which is used as a disaster recovery and hurricane evacuation site for the state. At this time, the campus has no security gates, concrete barriers, or fortified structures to stop unlawful entry on campus. As such, anyone can drive into campus and cause harm, and without a mass communications system, there is no way to audibly quickly alert those on campus of a threat.

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

Facilities will be made safer with security measures to include infrastructure, video surveillance, access control doors and gates, campus safety vehicles, reinforced fencing, cybersecurity solutions, smart cameras, keyless automatic doors, hurricane impact windows, consolidated dispatch agency equipment, watchdog telescoping surveillance tower, fortified glass, and facial recognition devices.

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

The proposed upgrades will ensure the students, faculty, staff, regional residents, and visitors are safe and protected during day-to-day activities, community and sporting events, and disaster recovery and evacuation efforts.

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

Over 20,000 people attending athletic and campus events in addition to those who come to the campus for disaster and hurricane evacuation efforts. The Lawson center at the University serves as an evacuation site to house citizens from the surrounding counties.

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

The outcome will be the deterrence of campus shootings, cyberattacks, terrorist incidents, unlawful protest, and the ability to quickly respond to emergency incidents on the campus. The methodology will be based on the findings in the security assessment done by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency.

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



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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

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