



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2983

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Florida Atlantic University will continue addressing the national and state healthcare workforce shortage and changing needs in healthcare by continuing to expand its medical student enrollment class size, adding AI competency to the curriculum and expanding residency and fellowship programs. In the past two years, the university has expanded its class size by 25% and has plans to continue increasing enrollment and residency programming with continued funding. We will also hire new faculty with a focus on emerging areas of AI, data science and precision medicine to support the continued expansion.

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	11,200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	11,200,000

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)	11,200,000	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	11,200,000	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		
2023-24	5,000,000	0	152	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.**



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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)?

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	52.29 FTE includes 70% at the Assistant Professor rank and 30% at the Associate Professor ranking.	11,200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		11,200,000

13. Program Performance

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

FAU will address workforce shortages and changing needs in healthcare by significantly increasing the medical student enrollment class size and adding AI competency to our curriculum, expanding residency and fellowship programs which reduce unnecessary hospital admissions and readmission and enhancing medical/graduate curricula to promote new core competencies. FAU will continue to develop FAU Medicine as a model for data-driven care, emphasizing mobile, pre- and post-hospital medicine.



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

FAU will deliver health care services through its clinics and FAU Mobile Health. Through predictive analytics, we will be able to determine which care can be administered safely outside of hospitals and meet patients where they are. Expanded enrollment and fellowships will allow for more doctors training in local hospitals, clinics and doctor's offices throughout FAU's service area. Additional faculty will expand the university's ability to train more medical students and therefore graduate more doctors.

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

In addition to increased doctors, residents and medical students serving the community around FAU, the university will also increase subspecialty trained physicians through its expansion of residency programs and fellowships. Each fellowship program will graduate 1-3 fellows per year. FAU's Mobile Medicine will also provide individuals with direct medical services via a mobile unit.

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

More than 3.2 million residents currently live in Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties, and these individuals are all within the target population that will be served by this project, in addition to individuals living in Indian River and St. Lucie counties.

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

Florida Atlantic University will continue its expansion of the medical school enrollment to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding & aging population of Florida and healthcare workforce shortages. These students will not only aid in resolving workforce needs in the state, but will be educated with this new curriculum to provide data driven efficient healthcare in our communities. FAU will utilize enrollment, graduation, and residency data to measure outcomes and impact on healthcare in Florida.

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?

If Florida Atlantic University does not execute the plan as proposed, the state of Florida may relinquish all funds associated with this request.

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

- 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.