

FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Title III, Part F — FUTURE Act

Executive Impact Report

October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2025

This report presents the impact and outcomes of Fort Valley State University's Title III, Part F federal grant program — a five-year investment in strengthening FVSU's academic capacity, facilities, and student success. It is prepared by the Office of Title III for institutional leadership and public reporting purposes.

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A. EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT

Total Federal Investment (5-Year Award)

~\$5.0 Million

FY 2020–2025

Total Funds Expended

\$4,696,226 | 93.8% of Award

Remaining balance reflects open purchase orders committed within the grant period

Number of Grant Activities

4 Activities

1 Administrative + 3 Program-Level

Peak Student Enrollment

2,905 Students (Fall 2025)

Highest enrollment recorded during the grant period

Fall-to-Fall Retention Rate

79% (Year 5 — Highest of Grant Period)

Up from 73% pre-grant baseline

Institutional Net Assets Growth

\$2.5M → \$25.2M (+922%)

Pre-grant FY2020 to end of Year 5 FY2025

External Evaluation Record

Zero Major Recommendations — All 5 Years

100% of activities cleared in every annual formative and summative external review

Key Highlights

- Title III Part F (FUTURE Act) grant completed all five years of federal funding — October 2020 through September 2025
- All grant objectives officially rated “Met” by end of Year 5 — the first full “Yes” rating across all activities
- Nanotechnology Laboratory fully established and operational — a first-of-its-kind STEM facility at FVSU
- At least 6 academic facilities fully rehabilitated and modernized across the grant period
- Undergraduate Research Academy and Valley Scholars Program grew from 12 participants (Year 1) toward a 250-student engagement goal
- FVSU ranked #1 Public HBCU in Georgia for seven consecutive years
- FVSU ranked #32 Top Public University in the South — up from #39
- COVID-19 impacted Years 1 and 2 spending; carryover was strategically deployed in Years 3–5

B. ACTIVITY-LEVEL BREAKDOWN

Activity 1 — Project Administration

Purpose: Provides overall coordination, compliance oversight, and fiscal management for the Part F grant.

Project Director: Danyell Barry, Title III Director

Activity 2 — Rehabilitating FVSU’s Academic Facilities

Purpose: Rehabilitate and modernize FVSU’s academic facilities to create safe, functional, and technologically equipped learning and research environments.

Project Director: Edwidge Dufresne

Key Outcomes:

- At least 6 academic buildings received significant improvements over the five-year grant period
- HVAC system upgrades completed across multiple instructional buildings
- Boiler replacements and energy-efficient system installations campus-wide
- Classroom, laboratory, and instructional space modernization including furniture, technology infrastructure, and AV systems
- Structural repairs and building envelope improvements including windows, doors, roofing, and exterior rehabilitation
- Objective fully Met — confirmed by facilities tracking documentation in Year 5

Activity 3 — FVSU Undergraduate Research Academy & Valley Scholars Program

Purpose: Increase undergraduate student engagement in STEM research and support pathways to graduate and professional study.

Project Director: Dr. Celia Dodd

Key Outcomes:

- Valley Scholars Program launched Summer 2022; grew significantly through Year 5
- “Make It Matter” curriculum introduced — guides students through the full research cycle
- Centralized web platform developed for undergraduate research communications
- Growth in on-campus and external research internship placements
- Documented progress of participating students entering graduate and professional STEM programs
- Objective Met — Year 5

Activity 4 — Creating Awareness and Training Opportunities in Nanotechnology (CATON)

Purpose: Establish a nanotechnology laboratory and create awareness and training opportunities for FVSU students and faculty.

Project Director: Dr. Hari Singh

Key Outcomes:

- Nanotechnology Laboratory fully established and operational by Year 4 — Objective Met
- Students and faculty engaged in professional development and scholarly presentations
- Activity formally closed in Year 4; Year 5 reflects final expenditures completing lab infrastructure

C. STUDENT IMPACT

GPRA Institutional Indicators — All 5 Years

Indicator	Pre-Grant 2019-20	Yr 1 2020-21	Yr 2 2021-22	Yr 3 2022-23	Yr 4 2023-24	Yr 5 2024-25
Total Fall Enrollment	2,624	2,827	2,783	2,609	2,765	2,905
Fall-to-Fall Retention %	73%	73%	67%	67%	73%	79%
4-Year Graduation Rate	22%	22%	18%	19%	19%	16%*
6-Year Graduation Rate	35%	43%	45%	46%	45%	41%

*Year 5 APR narrative confirms the 4-year rate increased to 18.6% for the 2021 cohort. GPRA table reflects the 2020 cohort measurement at time of filing.

Retention Deep Dive — Year 5 Additional Metrics

Retention Measure	Prior Year	Year 5 Result	Trend
1-Year Retention (2024 cohort)	78.5% (2023 cohort)	75.6%	Within normal range of 72–78%
2-Year Retention (2023 cohort)	56.8% (2022 cohort)	59.1%	Improved persistence into 3rd semester
3-Year Retention (2022 cohort)	45.5% (2021 cohort)	49.4%	Stronger long-term persistence

Graduate School Placement

Graduating Class	Total Graduates	Enrolled in Graduate/Professional Programs in Underrepresented Fields
Class of 2020	362	32
Class of 2021	394	25
Class of 2022	358	20
Class of 2023	321	16
Class of 2024	374	16
Class of 2025	368	21
TOTALS (2021–2025)	1,815	98 (unduplicated)

Figures verified using University System of Georgia RPA data and National Student Clearinghouse records, corrected in coordination with the U.S. Department of Education.

Pell Grant Recipients — Who We Serve

FVSU served between 1,701 and 2,107 Pell-eligible students each year throughout the grant period, reaching a high of 2,107 Pell recipients in the final year — underscoring the university’s enduring commitment to access, affordability, and opportunity.

D. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Annual Award & Expenditure Summary — All 5 Years

Grant Year	Reporting Period	Annual Award	Actual Expenditures	Expenditure Rate
Year 1	Oct 2020 – Sep 2021	\$938,331	\$631,674	67.3%
Year 2	Oct 2021 – Sep 2022	\$962,424	\$403,180	31.8%
Year 3	Oct 2022 – Sep 2023	\$1,050,519	\$1,064,672	101.3%*
Year 4	Oct 2023 – Sep 2024	\$1,047,224	\$1,267,030	121.0%*
Year 5	Oct 2024 – Sep 2025	\$1,006,974	\$1,329,670	132.0%*

5-YEAR TOTAL	Oct 2020 – Sep 2025	\$5,005,472	\$4,696,226	93.8%
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*Expenditure rates exceeding 100% in Years 3–5 reflect the strategic deployment of carryover funds accumulated during COVID-impacted Years 1 and 2. This approach was consistent with approved grant planning and is documented in each Annual Performance Report.

Investment Overview

Over the five-year grant period, Title III Part F funds were strategically invested across four activities. The largest share supported the rehabilitation and modernization of academic facilities — a multi-year infrastructure investment that transformed learning environments across campus. The remaining funds supported undergraduate STEM research programming, nanotechnology laboratory development, and program administration. All funds were expended in alignment with approved activity budgets and grant objectives.

Institutional Net Assets Trajectory

Point in Time	Net Assets	Source
Pre-Grant (2019-20)	\$2,464,985	Year 1 APR
End of Year 1 (2020-21)	\$3,672,124	Year 1 APR
End of Year 2 (2021-22)	\$11,943,650	Year 2 APR
End of Year 3 (2022-23)	\$16,687,855	Year 3 APR
End of Year 4 (2023-24)	\$20,782,724	Year 4 APR
End of Year 5 (2024-25)	\$25,197,492	Year 5 APR

5-Year Net Asset Growth: +\$22,732,507 (+922%) — reflecting FVSU's growing institutional fiscal strength, supported in part by Title III investment.

E. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Year 1 (FY 2020–2021) — Launch and Pandemic Recovery

- Grant launched October 2020 in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic; most activities experienced significant delays
- Nanotechnology Laboratory brought online — target: 1 lab; actual: 1 lab (Met)
- Hubbard Education Building renovations initiated
- Undergraduate Research Academy launched; Valley Scholars Program planned for Summer 2022
- 100% of activities cleared in formative and summative evaluations — no major recommendations
- \$306,657 carried forward due to COVID-related operational delays

Year 2 (FY 2021–2022) — Rebuilding and Stabilizing

- Valley Scholars Undergraduate Research Program continued to build and stabilize
- “Make It Matter” curriculum launched within the Undergraduate Research Academy
- Bond Academic Building renovations completed
- Enrollment: 2,783 students; net assets grew from \$3,672,124 to \$11,943,650
- \$865,901 carried into Year 3 for strategic deployment

Year 3 (FY 2022–2023) — Acceleration and Recovery

- Largest single-year expenditure of the grant — reflecting strategic deployment of accumulated carryover
- O’Neal Vet Tech Building HVAC systems upgraded; energy-efficient boilers and lighting installed campus-wide
- Undergraduate Research Academy and Valley Scholars Program saw significant growth
- Centralized web platform for undergraduate research communications developed
- 6-Year graduation rate: 46% — above pre-grant baseline of 35%
- FVSU ranked #1 Public HBCU in Georgia; #32 Top Public University in the South
- Net assets grew from \$11,943,650 to \$16,687,855

Year 4 (FY 2023–2024) — Culmination of Major Initiatives

- Continued rehabilitation and modernization of critical academic buildings and instructional spaces
- Nanotechnology Laboratory described as a cutting-edge STEM facility contributing to FVSU’s competitive positioning
- Enrollment reached 2,765; retention rate returned to 73%
- Net assets grew from \$16,687,855 to \$20,782,724
- 100% of activities cleared in annual evaluation — no major recommendations

Year 5 (FY 2024–2025) — Final Performance Year

- All grant objectives officially rated “Met” — first time rated fully “Yes” across all activities
- At least 6 academic facilities fully rehabilitated — confirmed by facilities tracking documentation
- Undergraduate Research Academy and Valley Scholars Program met engagement objectives
- Nanotechnology Laboratory infrastructure complete
- Enrollment reached 2,905 — highest of the entire grant period
- Retention rate reached 79% — highest of the entire grant period
- Net assets grew from \$18,633,499 to \$25,197,492
- External evaluator conducted formative (April 2025) and summative (November 2025) evaluations — zero major recommendations