



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2455

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Renovate existing classroom space and construct adjoining Workforce Training Center for existing program utilization and provide needed additional space for planned program expansion to meet local workforce needs in the construction and maritime sectors.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	28,773,926
Total State Funds Requested	28,773,926

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	28,773,926	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 2024-2025	28,773,926	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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The college received \$21.1m through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). \$8.8m of the funds were directed to student aid. Remaining funds were used for COVID 19 mitigation supportive measures.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

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13. 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: Other		
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	Renovate existing classroom space and construct adjoining Workforce Training Center for existing program utilization and provide needed additional space for planned program expansion to meet local workforce needs in the construction and maritime sectors.	28,773,926
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		28,773,926

14. Program Performance

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



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To provide training, a facility with significant open floor space, 16' or higher ceilings, adequate power, and a ventilation/exhaust system is required. SJR State does not have a facility of this type on any of its campuses. As a result, the college has been unable to offer instructional programs in building trades, a high demand trade for the service areas. In addition, the college will be launching a new maritime academy to prepare individuals for this growing industry in northeast Florida.

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

Provide instructional space for maritime and building trades to support workforce needs in the College's service district. Funding this capital improvement project will allow the College to develop comprehensive career and technical education programming to meet workforce needs in Putnam County.

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

As the construction and marine industries are growing robustly in the College's service district and there is currently no facility at the College's three campuses configured to facilitate instruction in these fields, this project will allow the College to create and confer new degrees and certificates to graduates who will immediately fill positions needed by local and regional employers.

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

The target population for this project are jobless and economically disadvantaged persons and college students. The project expects to generate over 75,000 student credit hours and serve approximately 2,100 individuals across the lifetime of the building.

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

The project will improve the quality of education for individuals in the region by preparing graduates for jobs in construction and maritime targeted industries. The project will support an increase in the number of construction and maritime jobs, and will create specific job opportunities for those employed by the College to teach in these programs. Success would be measured by surveying those who employ program graduates, post-completion employment data in the construction and maritime sectors in the service district, as well as wage data for those employed.

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 the contract?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity

Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number