



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2506

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

With the current statewide shortage in the medical field, the expansion of Crystal River High School's Health Academy would address the five pathways offered at the school: dental, EMT, biomed, nursing, and veterinary. These funds will be used to perform renovations on Crystal River High School's current Health Academy facilities. The funds will also be used to purchase curriculum, supplies, and equipment to meet industry standards.

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	345,833
Fixed Capital Outlay	150,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>495,833</b>

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)	495,833	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>495,833</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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\$20,000,000 since May of 2020. The funds were used to offset the expenses needed to maintain educational services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Fall 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Spring 2025

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.

Citrus County School Board, governing entity of Crystal River High School

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel for CTE Director, Program Specialist, and/or Instructor	5,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Teacher trainings, certification exams, updated equipment and supplies to meet industry standards for the following Health Academy Programs: Dental, Veterinary, EMT/Fire, BioMed, and Nursing	340,833
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Vet Lab Grooming Center Plumbing, Floor Refinishing, Electrical Upgrades, Fencing, Storage, X-Ray Room, Multi-Purpose Mock EMT/Fire	150,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>495,833</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

The goal is to empower Citrus County students with the knowledge and skills needed for high-skilled, high-demand health related careers by expanding current health academy pathways at Crystal River High School. The students will learn technical health focused skills, related hands-on training, and master the knowledge needed to be successful and earn industry certifications in health-related fields. Students will be ready for direct employment or advanced training at any post-secondary school within the Florida College System.



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

The Crystal River Health Academy will provide courses with challenging standards, hands on training, relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to earn industry certifications for direct employment in a health-related field or advanced training at a post-secondary school to build the students' careers in various health pathways.

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

The direct services will be four years of high school courses to prepare our students to be employable directly out of high school or to continue on to advanced training at a post-secondary facility. This will fill the skilled medical trade gap in our area, promote economic growth and establish a high standard of living for residents of Citrus County.

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

The target population will be students from across the county who are interested in developing skills needed for medically associated careers. We currently have 225 students enrolled annually in the Health Academy at Crystal River High School.

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

The expected outcome is to increase industry certifications earned, graduation rates, and essential jobs filled for community growth. This project will also decrease the high school dropout rate increasing the number of students entering the workforce with high-skilled, high-wage jobs. These data points will be gathered and compared to previous year's data.

**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?**

Citrus County Schools is committed to addressing Florida's Health Trade shortage through innovative training. In the event that performance measures are not met, we will ask for a 60-day performance improvement plan.

**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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College



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Other (please specify) School District

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