



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2753

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construct an additional building on TCC property in Gadsden County that will provide for three programs and associated goals: First, an increase in the number of residents obtaining GED credentials. Second, expand the number of healthcare education programs which will produce students with an industry certification and immediate employability. Third, replicate a successful Leon Country program for students with intellectual disabilities in Gadsden to obtain employment credentials.

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	790,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	8,790,000

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)	8,790,000	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 2024-2025	8,790,000	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.

We request \$790,000 recurring funding to recruit and retain instructors in this highly competitive market and to provide student support.

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



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

The College received \$49 million in federal assistance. All funds were expended in three areas: physical safety (air quality projects, cleaning and hygiene), continuity of instruction (technology purchases for instruction and communication) and support for students (direct funds to students for tuition and fees, or for economic hardships such as medical or housing). More than half of the funds were provided directly to students.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

August 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

August 2024

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	Instructional staff for healthcare professions are in high-demand particularly in remote Gadsden County and TCC would require additional financial support to recruit and retain qualified individuals to provide instruction.	550,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	In order to overcome financial barriers of students and improve economic mobility students would benefit from transportation and childcare vouchers to secure support services in the community. This provides economic advantage to our students and within the Gadsden community. We estimate \$50/month for 200 students/year.	240,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Construction of additional building at the TCC Gadsden Center of 8,360 sf with 4 classrooms, 1 laboratory, and 1 instructional office. Includes architect and engineering fees, construction manager, land clearing, building construction with high technology classrooms and laboratory space, parking requirements and access improvements.	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,790,000

14. Program Performance

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

Construct an additional building on TCC property in Gadsden County that will provide for three programs and associated goals: First, an increase in the number of residents obtaining GED credentials. Second, expand the number of healthcare education programs which will produce students with an industry certification and immediate employability. Third, replicate a successful Leon Country program for students with intellectual disabilities in Gadsden to obtain employment credentials.

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

Construction of 8360 sf building to provide services 1. to increase the number obtaining GED credentials; 2. expand the number of healthcare programs, participants and successful completion leading to an industry certification; and 3. create a program for students with intellectual disabilities to obtain employment credentials. All outcomes have quantitative metrics.

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

1. GED Preparation programming, instruction, testing and support. 2. Expand healthcare education programs to provide industry certification leading to jobs. 3. Eagle Connections increases independent living and employment opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities by helping them earn an employment credential, employability skills and provides for internship opportunities.

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

The target population are students and future students in the Network and Computer Systems Administration, Cybersecurity, and Artificial Intelligence AS degree program at TCC. This 2-year program provides a great opportunity to obtain valuable skills and credentials for high-demand, high-wage jobs. This will provide economic mobility and financial stability for participants.

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

An increase in the number of students obtaining a GED.
An increase in graduates in healthcare professions: patient care technicians, health care technicians, patient care assistants, nursing aids and orderlies, home health aides, and allied health assistants.
Increased independence and success for intellectually disabled individuals.

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?

All outcomes have quantitative metrics that could be included in a contract. Our ultimate goal is student participation, completion and employment.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**



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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
- 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