



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1852

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Polk State College is requesting \$6,141,784 to complete the renovation and modernization of Building 1 (LAC) on the College's Lakeland Campus. Building 1, which houses the College's exemplary Nursing and Respiratory Care programs, was constructed in the 1980s and has not had a significant renovation since its initial construction.

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	6,141,784
Total State Funds Requested	6,141,784

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)	6,141,784	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	6,141,784	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	6,141,785	17	No

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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Polk State was awarded \$43 million in federal COVID relief funds.
 42% of these funds will be disbursed as emergency grants to students to provide direct assistance to address the financial impacts of COVID-19.
 51% of funds are to enhance remote instruction; expand access to tech; invest in improvements to address air quality, health, & safety; address student healthcare & mental health services; and recover lost revenue.
 7% for faculty & staff for their resiliency in maintaining operations.

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? 2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 2026

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.

The facility will be owned and operated by Polk State College.

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	Funds will be used to renovate and modernize all classrooms and laboratory spaces including those for Nursing and Respiratory Care, computer labs, offices, and support spaces. All infrastructure systems, including HVAC, electrical, and cabling, as well as all life-safety and ADA-compliance will be upgraded.	6,141,784
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		6,141,784

14. Program Performance

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



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Building #1 was constructed in the late 1980s. Since that time, instructional methods and the resulting best practices for instructional spaces have changed dramatically. Today's students can benefit from classroom instructional methods that include hands-on simulation exercises and video recording so that students can evaluate their own performance while demonstrating mastery of important competencies. These systems require stable electronic and technology backbones combined with appropriately wired classroom and lab spaces. This project will modernize Building #1 to provide spaces to serve today's students.

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

This project will upgrade Building #1 to current instructional and life-safety standards. The renovation will replace all building infrastructure and systems, modernize laboratory spaces, and reconfigure instructional and support spaces. Additionally, all renovations will bring the building into compliance with current fire safety and Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

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

Polk State's mission is to provide accessible, affordable, quality higher education and training to the Polk County community. With 92% of Associate in Science graduates and 85% of baccalaureate degree graduates employed or continuing their education, some of the highest percentages in the state, Polk State consistently produces graduates who are well-prepared for the workforce. Projects such as the modernization of Building #1, provides the educational environment which is critical to students' success.

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

Polk State currently serves over 9,300 students on the Lakeland Campus who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project with enhanced classrooms, laboratories, and academic support spaces. Additionally, Building 1 houses the Lakeland Campus's Student Center and Café which are regularly used as meeting spaces which are open to the public and community groups.

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

While this project is not expected to increase the number of degrees and certificates produced, it is anticipated to improve the College's retention and completion rates. Student performance and persistence has shown marked improvement when faculty can create multiple opportunities for students to understand, visualize, and experience challenging concepts. This project will provide physical improvements to the classroom and lab spaces to make it possible to use technology to facilitate student learning and thereby enable student success.

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?

Penalties should be consistent with those outlined for fixed capital outlay projects.

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



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- 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