



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2328

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

4. Project/Program Description

FSCJ proposes to fill a critical gap of postsecondary services to veteran populations within North Florida, specifically in the College's service area of Duval and Nassau counties. The large number of service members choosing the target area as their end-of-duty residence and the need for integrated postsecondary services for veterans at FSCJ necessitates the need to expand the services for veterans on our campuses. FSCJ's Veterans Center for Excellence will identify and serve veteran and military connected students by coordinating services to address their academic, financial, physical, and social needs. Funds will be used for the design and construction of the new location of the Veterans Center for Excellence. Funds will also be used to relocate the student services administration offices that are currently housed in the location of the new Center. Center staff will be able to serve more veteran and military connected students by relocating and expanding the footprint of the Center.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	668,508
Total State Funds Requested	668,508

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	668,508	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	437,536	40%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,106,044	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**
- b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**
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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.

FSCJ received \$58,458,981 of Federal CARES Act funds (Institutional Allocation). These funds were used for campus safety and sanitation, revenue recovery, student debt write-offs, technology upgrades and software to support distance learning, and employee training programs. FSCJ received \$41,868,938 of CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP funds(Financial Aid Allocation). These funds were distributed directly to students as financial aid.

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

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.

FSCJ will receive the capital funding and the new Veterans Center for Excellence will be owned by FSCJ.

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	Renovation of the existing space on FSCJ's South Campus that will be used for the new Veterans Center for Excellence and the cost to relocate existing student services administration offices located in that space to a new area of campus.	668,508
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		668,508



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14. Program Performance

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

FSCJ proposes to fill a critical gap of postsecondary services to veteran populations within North Florida, specifically in the College's area of Duval and Nassau counties. FSCJ's Veterans Center of Excellence will identify and serve veteran and military connected students by coordinating services to address their academic, financial, physical and social needs. The requested funding will be used for the renovation of an existing space and the relocation of admin offices.

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

Renovation of the existing space on FSCJ's South Campus that will be used for the new Veterans Center for Excellence and the cost to relocate existing student services administration offices located in that space to a new area of campus.

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

The Veterans Center for Excellence will provide the following services to veteran and military connected students: veteran's education benefits and military tuition assistance, health and financial resource referrals, and assistance with career counseling for applying military experience. The Center will also serve as a hub for connecting veteran students with their cohorts.

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

The target population includes Veterans, Military, and Military connected college students.

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

The Center will benefit veteran and military connected students by coordinating services to address their academic, financial, physical, and social needs. The additional academic and counseling offered at the Center will enhance the student educational experience. FSCJ will obtain data to compare the persistence, graduation and transfer rates of the military, veteran and military connected students who use the center vs those who chose not to use the Center. FSCJ will also collect data to document the number of veteran and military connected students who use the Center and are employed post service and graduation.

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?

If the College does not move forward with the project, or complete the project, funds will be reverted back to the agency.

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