



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1844

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project will create flexible classroom and student spaces to be used by residents attending classes, workshops, and programs. The building plan includes three 900 square foot classrooms (with room dividers), a computer lab, staff areas, student lounge/study area, restrooms, and an 800 square foot community meeting room. The college and technical school will offer continuing education (college courses and GED), workforce development, and technology courses to students in Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Polk counties.

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

**State Agency contacted?**  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</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)	750,000	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>750,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**

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

No



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

## 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?

10/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/2026

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.

Lake County Board of County Commissioners.

### 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design, engineering, and construction of the existing second floor of the Cagan Crossings Community Library for the Continuing Education and Workforce Development Center.	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

Classes, programs, and workshops presented by our educational partners on workforce development and continuing education that will focus on workforce development, technology, innovation, and general education. The GED component is very important as Lake County has seen a sharp increase in the high school dropout rate, which is now 4.9% compared to the State average of 2.9%. These classes, programs and workshops will also be available to students in other counties such as Orange, Osceola and Polk.



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

Residents will be able to begin or complete educational goals to further education and workforce skills in a centralized area of South Lake County. It's important to note that the closest educational resources for the residents of South Lake County are approximately a 30-45 minute drive and will create a hardship for those without transportation. However, students in all of Lake County, as well as Orange, Osceola, and Polk will also be able to take advantage of these resources.

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

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

This project will serve the jobless, economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth, homeless population, developmentally and physically disabled, those seeking higher education, and the general population. Over 800 plus people are expected to be served.

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

This project will improve the quality of life and education for participants by increasing the level of graduation rates of residents enrolled in the program, as well as increasing the number of students seeking higher education that are unable to commute to other programs outside of their area. The methodologies for measuring the outcome will be to survey students and residents on the increase in availability of local programs; working with educational partners to ascertain the satisfaction and completion rates of students; and polling area businesses on the increase in available workforce based on the program offerings.

**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?**

A pro rata return of state dollars would be appropriate if the project does not perform as expected.

**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)



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- 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**