



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1774

1. **Title of Project:** Santa Fe College Construct Clsrn, Lab, & Library Bldg-Blount

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Keith Perry

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/28/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Santa Fe College's (SF) Blount Center campus expansion project will drive economic development in the College's service district (Alachua and Bradford counties) through the expansion of business and IT programs, increased access to higher education for the citizens of East Gainesville and entrepreneurial activities in downtown Gainesville. Designed as a state-of-the-art technology education center, the new campus will be able to better prepare our students to enter today's high-tech jobs while continuing to support local economic and workforce growth.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	18,491,319
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>18,491,319</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	18,491,319	56.84%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	13,039,710	40.08%
Local	1,000,000	3.07%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>32,531,029</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		5,000,000	23	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Planning, design, demolition, site development, construction	18,491,319
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>18,491,319</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Requested funds will be used to demolish and replace an outdated existing facility housing SF's Continuing & Community Education and economic development services, which was originally a 1950's retail building that has reached its operating capacity. The new 86,311 gross square foot facility will provide classrooms and labs to meet existing and anticipated enrollment growth; student stations and associated support spaces, including offices, study spaces, student services, library resources and meeting space; site development for storm water retention, roadway modifications, parking, environmental remediation, and telecommunications; landscape and utility upgrades, building equipment and furnishings.

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

The Business Administration and Information Technology (Programming, Networking, Cyber Security, Information Services Technology) programs will be relocating from the Northwest Campus to the Blount Campus. By moving these programs, SF will be able to alleviate overcrowding on the main campus while relocating them downtown to Gainesville's entrepreneurial and technology center. The programs will combine to offer 21 college credit certificates, 14 Associate of Science (A.S.) and 4 Bachelor of Applied Sciences (B.A.S.) degrees in these fields of study in addition to other credentials currently offered at the site.

**c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

In addition to the expansion of academic programs and classroom space, the new facility will feature a full suite of student services comprised of academic advisement, study spaces, library, and financial aid. The project will also expand the footprint of SF's Center for Innovation and Economic Development (CIED) small-business incubator, which provides support for local businesses. Collaborative workspaces designed to mimic technologically innovated workspaces will enable students to enter the workforce with the skills and techniques needed to succeed.

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



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This project will improve access to higher education for the county's under-served population and will enhance academic programs and student services. By building a state-of-the-art technology education center, SF will be able to better prepare students for high-tech, high-wage jobs. The project will also assist in the continued collaboration with the University of Florida to support students, business and the community while improving the state's economic competitiveness.

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

Expected outcomes include: hundreds more graduates in high-wage, high-demand business and IT fields through continued program expansion and targeted employee recruitment and retention; double the capacity of start-up business incubation at the SF Center for Innovation and Economic Development; improved access; increase the number of minority student graduates in Business and IT fields; improved collaboration between SF and the University of Florida (UF); and more customized and innovative training solutions for regional businesses. This project will be measured through the campus' enrollment, retention, and graduation data on students in Business and IT programs, including data on underrepresented minority students. Metrics involving comparison data on the number of incubating companies will also be factored, as well as evaluation reports on collaboration projects with UF and local businesses (including internships) and innovative training solutions.

**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 in the contract?**

Withdrawal of funding

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

Santa Fe College will be both owner of facility and recipient of fixed capital outlay funding.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **County:** Alachua
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)



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