



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1136

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Polk State College is requesting \$16,272,759 in PECO funds to complete the second phase of renovations to Building 4, a 67,000-square-foot classroom facility on the Winter Haven campus that serves more than 1,600 students per day and over 1,000 community members each year.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	16,272,759
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>16,272,759</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	16,272,759	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 2021-2022</b>	<b>16,272,759</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years	0	643,819	20	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 received \$6,116,050 in CARES Act funds. As of December 31, 2020, \$3,035,000 was disbursed to 4,224 students as emergency grants to be used toward costs incurred as a result of coronavirus and \$272,535.50 had been expended to reimburse for costs associated with the purchase or lease of technology hardware and software to support students and enable distance learning; to enhance campus safety; and to reimburse students for canceled activities.

#### 11. 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	Requested funds will be used to: update classrooms, corridors, offices, and public spaces; bring restrooms into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; update the fire protection system; and replace the electrical and network distribution systems.	16,272,759
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>16,272,759</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

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

Construction of Building 4 was completed in 1979. Building 4 is described as a critical academic facility because it houses five standard classrooms, a digital photography lab, studios for visual arts students, rehearsal rooms for music students, 21 offices and one conference room. It serves more than 1,600 students per day. Courses offered in Building 4 allow students to fulfill requirements for the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree programs, leading them to higher levels of study and employment opportunities. Requested funds would be used to: update classrooms, offices, and public spaces; bring restrooms into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; upgrade the fire protection system; replace the electrical/network technology systems; and replace the building's original roof.

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

Investments to improve Building 4 will allow students to continue to fulfill requirements for the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees, leading them to higher levels of study and employment opportunities.

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

Economically disadvantaged persons; grade school, high school, and university and college students; Polk County community groups and organizations. 1,600 students per day, and over 1,000 community members per year.

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



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be measured?

This project should result in improvements to the performance measures as adopted by the State Board of Education. In particular, the retention and completion rates should increase as a result of students and instructors making use of modernized teaching and learning environments. In addition, this facility, its classrooms, lobby, and auditorium are used by Polk County organizations for a number of community events. Improvements to the building will allow the public continued access to a modernized, more functional, and safer facility for events and activities. Most importantly, improvements will extend the life of the facility and new building systems will improve overall building efficiencies and lower the cost of operations.

**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?**

Reporting and penalties should be consistent with those outlined for fixed capital outlay projects.

**13. 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.**

Polk State College is a public institution and will receive and invest the capital outlay funding as described above.



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name   
b. Organization   
c. E-mail Address   
d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name   
b. Firm Name   
c. E-mail Address   
d. Phone Number