



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2102

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

4. Project/Program Description

Recognizing the growing need to expand Career Certificate and Dual Enrollment offerings in Hernando County, we propose adding a wing to the Central High School campus. The site will provide immediate space for new programs, but can also accommodate future growth. The approximately 20,000 sq. ft. expansion will serve new students to SunTech, which is anyone who resides, or is willing to commute to, Hernando County. It will also allow for current high school students to take advantage of dual enrollment courses. At capacity, this would open up 225 new seats, more than doubling what is currently available.

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	450,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	9,350,000
Total State Funds Requested	9,800,000

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)	9,800,000	98%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	2%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	10,050,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21		6,000,000	30A	Yes

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



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

11. 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	The part-time salary for the Career Certificate Instructors for the first three years, which is typically the amount of time it takes to achieve self-sufficiency.	450,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The costs to outfit nine (9) instructional classrooms, two (2) computer labs, one (1) training room, and the front desk area.	709,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Using an existing parcel on Central High Schools campus, the total cost of the roughly 22,579 square foot expansion, including site prep, foundation, metal building with standing seam roof, parking, security fencing, drainage, elevator and other architectural design items, would not exceed this amount.	8,641,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		9,800,000

12. Program Performance

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

The funds would provide for an approximately 22, 579 square foot expansion of Central High School, which would allow for increased Career Certificate programs to be offered by the local school district.

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

In addition to the current post-secondary offerings, Hernando County School District will look to create an increased menu of Career Certificate courses along with proper wraparound programs available to adults.

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

Citizens of Hernando County will be able to enroll in up to 8 new Career Certificate courses at the new location. The Career Certificate courses would address the regional hiring needs, while maintaining the flexibility to adjust programs as the local needs change.

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

The expansion will serve new students to Sun Tech (the District's postsecondary provider), which is anyone who resides, or is willing to commute to, Hernando County. It will also allow for current high school students to take advantage of dual enrollment courses.
At capacity, this would open up 255 new seats, more than doubling what is currently available.

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



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The immediate benefit is to have the beginnings of a stand-alone facility that will house the expanded Career Certificate offerings in Hernando County, a community resource that is desperately needed. Accreditation will be sought by the Council of Occupational Education, which gives specific performance measures programs must adhere to in order to be eligible for federal funding.

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?

In the event that construction of the building does not move forward, all funds will be returned.

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.

Hernando County School District



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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