



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1456

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Polk State is requesting \$5 million in nonrecurring funding to expand its Health Sciences workforce degree and certificate programs in areas including Nursing, Respiratory Care, Radiography, Cardiovascular Technology, and more. Funds will be invested in simulation equipment and instructional aids to supplement clinical experiences, along with renovations and improvements to existing spaces to accommodate student instruction.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	4,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	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 2022-2023</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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 was awarded \$43 million in federal COVID relief funds.  
42% of these funds will be disbursed as emergency grants to students to provide direct assistance to address the financial impacts of COVID-19.  
51% of funds are to enhance remote instruction; expand access to tech; invest in improvements to address air quality, health, & safety; address student healthcare & mental health services; and recover lost revenue.  
7% for faculty & staff for their resiliency in maintaining operations.

#### 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	Equipment to simulate clinical experiences for our students including simulation manikins, associated software and licensing, ultrasound machines, radiography portable C-arm, ventilators, etc. Funds would also be invested in the replacement & addition of new manikins and teaching aids for the College's Anatomy & Physiology labs which are used for prerequisites courses for all Health Sciences programs. Additional hands-on teaching aids to facilitate instruction in workforce training programs.	4,500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovations and enhancements of existing spaces are critical to creating functional simulation labs and additional hands-on classrooms for these growing programs.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Regional Demand Occupations List data shows that by 2028, Polk County is projected to need an additional 4,788 registered nurses. These funds will allow the College to expand Health Sciences programs, like Nursing, to begin to keep pace with the demand for skilled healthcare professionals.

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

Funds will be invested in additional simulation and instructional equipment to support more students in both classroom and lab settings. Funds will also be used for renovation of existing facilities to accommodate additional students and create effective spaces for simulation laboratories.

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

Investment in additional simulation equipment provides students with hands-on, realistic experiences that serve to supplement their clinical requirements. Additionally, in some programs, the use of simulation may alleviate some of the pressure on clinical scheduling and would facilitate students' time to completion.

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



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Economically disadvantaged persons; grade school, high school, and university and college students.

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

Investment in the expansion of Health Sciences programs will provide the opportunity for Polk State to produce more graduates to fill current and future critical workforce needs. This provides an attractive environment for businesses seeking to expand or locate in Polk County. Additionally, individuals who graduate with degrees in the field of Health Sciences are eligible and prepared for employment in high-demand, high-wage jobs, and have the opportunity to improve the quality of life for themselves and their families. Measurements will be based on performance measures including Wages and Job Placement/Continuing Education rates, combined with feedback from industry partners.

**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 operational appropriations.

**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