



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1457

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Polk State College is requesting \$13.8 million in PECO funds to begin Phase I of the Northeast Ridge development in the fastest growing area of Polk County. This campus will increase access to academic and workforce programs for students and families in Haines City, Davenport, Poinciana, and the Four Corners region.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	13,800,000
Total State Funds Requested	13,800,000

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)	13,800,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	13,800,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years	0	2,750,000	302620	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

The College is actively pursuing partnerships with local business and industry to leverage state funding.

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

Yes

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
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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering and design work, site clearing, site preparation.	13,800,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		13,800,000

12. Program Performance

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

Located in one of the fastest growing areas of Polk County, the Polk State Northeast Ridge campus will increase access to higher education for stakeholders in Haines City, Davenport, Poinciana, and the Four Corners region. In particular, this will allow for the growth of high-demand workforce programs including those in the areas of Health Sciences and Logistics.

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

The proposed development will house education and training facilities to support workforce programs with a particular emphasis on Health Sciences and the general education coursework for the Associate in Arts degree. Health disciplines do not work in isolation in a hospital or clinic setting and students at this campus will have the benefit of sharing state-of-the-art technical and training labs while working alongside each other as they would in a hospital setting. Increases in the use of simulation may alleviate some of the pressure on clinical scheduling and would facilitate students' time to completion. The Northeast Ridge Campus would provide dedicated laboratory space and skilled personnel to program simulators, manage lab set ups, and provide for student engagement – currently not feasible in Polk State's older, smaller lab spaces.

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

Upon completion of this project, citizens will have access to a Polk State College campus where they can access Student and Academic Services, and take all of the coursework necessary to complete the Associate in Arts and many of the Health Sciences degree programs.

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



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Polk County students and families are the target population for this project with a particular emphasis on those residing within the Haines City, Davenport, Poinciana, and the Four Corners region. Residents within a 10-mile radius of the site are the ideal population to be served and include nearly 3,800 12th graders, which represents 39% of all 12th graders in Polk County, and over 80,000 individuals whose highest educational attainment is a high school diploma or some college/no degree.

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

The outcome of this project will be to provide access to higher education to the residents of Northeast Polk County. Outcomes will be measured through increased student enrollment, retention, and completion for Polk State College, and specific increases in these metrics for students who are residents of the Haines City, Davenport, Poinciana, and the Four Corners region.

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?

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.

The facility will be owned and operated by Polk State College.



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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