



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1115

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Workforce Development Center on the Leesburg Campus of Lake-Sumter State College will be a new 50,000-square-foot, 2-story facility that will replace the existing Leesburg Campus Library building as well as two other outdated buildings. These buildings are among the oldest on the Leesburg campus and are in significant need of repair to meet current building standards. Preliminary plans and discussions within the construction industry indicate that it would be 30 percent to 40 percent more expensive to renovate the existing structures than it would cost to build a new facility to replace them. Additionally, the accreditation of Lake-Sumter State College hinges on the availability of quality facilities available to the students served at the College. The current facilities in need of replacement are far out of date and are not suited to accommodate the technical advances that have become available over the past six (6) decades.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	17,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	17,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	17,500,000	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 2023-2024	17,500,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

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

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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

At this time, Lake-Sumter State College does not have additional funding in lieu of state funding to support this project.



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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.

The College received a total of \$6.8M for student support and \$9.5M for institutional support. For student support, funds were distributed as emergency grants to an estimated 1,657 students. For institutional support, funds were used to support loss revenues from auxiliary operations, technology related projects, and personnel costs.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning Design Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

N/A

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of 50,000 square-foot, 2-story facility that will replace the Campus Library and two other outdated buildings on the Leesburg campus at Lake-Sumter State College.	17,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		17,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Funds in the amount of \$17.5M will allow Lake-Sumter State College to construct the Workforce Development Center, a 50,000-square-foot, 2-story facility that will replace the Campus Library and two other outdated buildings on the Leesburg campus. As a result of the new facility, the College will be poised to develop new programs and expand on existing programs that align with the workforce demands of the local economy.

Additionally, the Center will serve as a hub where students, alumni, local employers and the community can come together for academic support and workforce preparation, such as, but not limited to, career readiness and planning workshops, job searches, employer/employee recruitment opportunities, entrepreneurship and apprenticeship learning platforms, and interview tips and simulations.

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

The new facility will include flexible classroom and learning spaces that will support new programs in technology and multimedia innovation. The spaces will support hands-on, real-world experiences for LSSC students in new programs that will be developed to support regional growth and demand in the hospitality, tourism, and design and animation industries.

Furthermore, this will allow the opportunity to provide technical and academic training in business, entrepreneurship, technology, logistics, cyber security, gaming/animation, robotics along with virtual and augmented reality.

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

The Center will serve as a hub where students, alumni and the general public can come together for academic support and workforce development opportunities. Therefore, the Center will be well equipped in resources to serve the Lake and Sumter County region.

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

The Center will serve students, alumni, the entire community, and local employers who can come together for academic support and workforce preparation. The Center is expected to serve well over 10,000 citizens on an annual basis.

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

The Center will provide a platform for improved student outcomes in individual courses, semester-to-semester retention, and time to completion. The outcomes will allow students to graduate quicker, with less debt, and enter the workforce better prepared to meet the demands of employers. The increases in student outcomes, coupled with the growth in enrollment in existing and planned programs, will also support an increase in students entering Florida's workforce. Through intentional career planning and placement efforts, students and members of our community will be connected to employers to fill job openings and apprenticeships and to assist the private sector and the community with job placements in the local workforce 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?

No penalties known at this time.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number