



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1401

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Santa Fe College's (SF) Academy of Science and Technology will provide high school students with the tools needed to be successful in the 21st century workforce through academic excellence, technical training and a strong partnership with college and local industry leaders. Students will have the opportunity to focus their studies in either Health Science or Information Technology and will be able to earn their high school diploma, A.S. degree and industry certifications at no cost to themselves or their families. In February 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis awarded SF \$2,000,000 to start a charter school centered around Career and Technical Education. This initiative supports the Governor's goal of making Florida the #1 state in the nation for workforce education by 2030. SF's District Board of Trustees has also provided \$986,570 in capital funding towards opening the school to 75 students in 2023, and this project expands the school to serve 250 by 2024.

- 5. State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**  Yes  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,864,123
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,864,123</b>

**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)	5,864,123	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 2023-2024</b>	<b>5,864,123</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

- 9. Is future funding likely to be requested?**  Yes  No
- a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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

Other local funds supported by the college.



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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.

SF has received \$52.2 million in federal assistance, including \$21.7 million directly for student relief and \$30.5 million for institutional support. SF has expended \$21.2 million to date for institutional support including \$9.5 million for lost revenue and \$11.7 million for personnel, technology, equipment, materials and supplies and indirect costs. SF expects to spend the remaining amount this year to cover additional lost revenue, personnel costs and indirect cost recovery.

## 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.

Santa Fe College owns the facility that is being renovated and remodeled and will receive the funding to complete the project.

13. 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	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
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	This project will renovate and remodel 18,600 existing Net Square Feet (NSF) and add 400 NSF of conditioned space and 800 NSF of unconditioned space to create classrooms, labs, study spaces and offices. It will enhance accessibility, safety, security and energy efficiency by repurposing inefficiently configured areas while correcting deferred maintenance issues related to mechanical and electrical systems, plumbing and drainage, exterior and interior lighting, flooring, storefront doors, glass a	5,864,123
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,864,123</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this project is to expand opportunities for high school students in the college's service district so that they have greater access to earn industry credentials and college credit while in high school at no cost to the student. This initiative supports the Governor's goal of making Florida the #1 state in the nation for workforce education by 2030 and focuses on in-demand workforce fields - Health Science and Information Technology.

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

Students will have access to an authentic and innovative education, one that will help them recognize their potential and reach their goals while bridging high school, college and career paths. The school will provide a unique accelerated secondary program to the community by offering an A.S. degree in either Health Science or Information Technology upon high school graduation at no cost to the student or their family. The school will foster an environment of high expectations, confidence and drive by keeping grade-level enrollment numbers small while providing strong social and academic support.

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

The high school will provide a unique opportunity to support students through their Florida public high school graduation requirements while also affording them the opportunity to earn their A.S. degree in one of the designated Health Sciences or Information Technology Education pathways and a minimum of two industry certifications. Graduates will then be able to enter the local workforce directly after high school graduation in a high paying job with no debt.

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

The charter school will ultimately serve students in grades 9-12 who would otherwise qualify to attend a public school in Alachua County. The school will have an open admissions policy and will be available to any rising 9th grader who submits an application prior to the posted application deadline. It is slated to open this fall with 75 students and will add 75 freshman each year after for a maximum enrollment of 300 students by year 4.

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

The school will provide a unique accelerated secondary program to the community through the offering of an A.S. degree upon high school graduation. Students will have greater access to highly sought-after academic and workforce programs while in high school. High school graduation rates and A.S. degree graduation rates will be the measurement of success for outcomes, as well school grades assigned by the state.

**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?**

Revert appropriated funding back to the state.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 16. 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

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number