



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2300

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding will afford RIVEROAK Technical College the opportunity to expand facility space for current critical need healthcare training programs, including practical nursing, surgical technology, pharmacy technician, patient care technician, phlebotomy, and nursing assistant. An additional 200 adults will be able to be served through facility expansion annually. Expansion will also allow college to expand its program offerings to dental assisting, hemodialysis technician, and medical assisting.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,000,000

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)	4,000,000	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	4,000,000	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.

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

Yes



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

RIVEROAK Technical College received a total of \$998,798 from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) for institutional funding and \$735,435 HEERF student funding. Institutional funds supported student scholarships, technologies (computers, tablets, printers, audio-visual equipment), updated simulation equipment for all programs, laboratory equipment, web-based learning programs, and curriculum supports. Student funding was disseminated to enrolled students throughout grant period.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

October 1, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

July 30, 2024

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.

Suwannee County School District owns technical college facility.

13. 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	Funds will allow for all costs associated with healthcare expansion project and include facility design, engineering, permitting, and construction.	4,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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To increase program capacity in critical need healthcare areas by providing additional classroom and laboratory space and support health-related workforce needs within the 11 county service area. Facility expansion will allow technical college to offer additional critical need programs including dental assisting, hemodialysis technician, and medical assisting. An additional 200 adults will be able to be served through facility expansion annually.

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

Through facility expansion, RIVEROAK Technical College's Practical Nursing Program will be able to accept an additional cohort of 31 students. Other healthcare programs, including surgical technology, pharmacy technician, patient care technician, phlebotomy, and nursing assistant, will be able to increase capacity of students currently served; addition of 200 seats annually (Triple enrollment).

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

Facility expansion will allow technical college to serve additional adults and dual-enrolled students in critical need healthcare programs. Students receive the following educational services to support program enrollment, program completion, and placement: financial aid, career advisement, counseling referrals, remediation services, adults with disabilities services, job-training opportunities, referrals for other support services, assistance with employment and other needed services.

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

Target population includes jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, physically disabled, high school students, 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?

Facility expansion will support job placement in areas of critical need as identified as high demand and high wage by CareerSource North Florida: practical nursing, patient care technician, surgical technology, pharmacy technician. Currently, practical nursing program is only able to accept, on average, 40% of its applicants due to limited classroom and laboratory space. Outcomes will be measured by program completions, certification or licensure pass rate on private, state, and national assessments, and job placement rate utilizing Council on Occupational Education data, CareerSource regional data, Labor Market Estimating Conference Report, Department of Economic Opportunity regional data, and employee verification forms.

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?

Does not apply.

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

c. Organization Type



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- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Suwannee County School District

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