



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3205

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Polk State College is requesting \$13,396,713 to renovate Building 3 on the Lakeland Campus. Building 3 was constructed in 1993 and is an 83,000 square foot classroom, office, and student and academic services building on the Polk State Lakeland Campus. It houses the College's exemplary Education Program and its associated lab spaces along with classrooms, labs, and office spaces that serve the general education courses required for the College's Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees. It is also the location of the Lakeland Campus Library and Teaching, Learning, Computing Center which are used extensively by students for academic support services.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	13,396,713
Total State Funds Requested	13,396,713

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)	13,396,713	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	13,396,713	100%

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?



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

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.

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?

2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

2026

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.

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

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 be used to modernize and renovate classroom, laboratory, and academic support spaces including the library, tutoring, and testing areas. This project will allow Polk State to address renovations to spaces that were transferred to the College from Florida Polytechnic University per the requirements of SB 1994 which was signed into law in 2012.	13,396,713
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		13,396,713



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14. Program Performance

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

Building 3 was constructed in 1993 and has had minimal renovations or remodeling since its completion. The library space and tutoring area received cosmetic upgrades that were made over a 10-year period as funds were available and the HVAC system has been repaired and adjustments made to the distribution system. Today's students can benefit from classroom instructional methods that include hands-on simulation exercises and video recording so that students can evaluate their own performance while demonstrating mastery of important competencies. These systems require stable electronic and technology backbones combined with appropriately wired classroom and lab spaces. This project will modernize Building 3 to provide spaces to serve today's students.

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

This project will allow Polk State to address renovations to spaces that were transferred to the College from Florida Polytechnic University per the requirements of SB 1994 which was signed into law in 2012.

Additionally, this project will upgrade Building 3 to current instructional and life-safety standards. The renovation will replace all building infrastructure and systems, modernize laboratory spaces, and reconfigure instructional and support spaces. Additionally, all renovations will bring the building into compliance with current fire safety and Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

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

Polk State's mission is to provide accessible, affordable, quality higher education and training to the Polk County community. With 92% of Associate in Science graduates and 85% of baccalaureate degree graduates employed or continuing their education, some of the highest percentages in the state, Polk State consistently produces graduates who are well-prepared for the workforce. Projects such as the modernization of Building 3, provides the educational environment which is critical to students' success.

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

Polk State currently serves over 9,300 students on the Lakeland Campus who will be the primary beneficiaries of this project with enhanced classrooms, laboratories, and academic support spaces. Additionally, Building 3 houses the library, tutoring, and testing center. The testing center in particular is used by members of the community for a variety of electronic testing services.

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

While this project is not expected to increase the number of degrees and certificates produced, it is anticipated to improve the College's retention and completion rates. Student performance and persistence has shown marked improvement when faculty can create multiple opportunities for students to understand, visualize, and experience challenging concepts. This project will provide physical improvements to the classroom and lab spaces to make it possible to use technology to facilitate student learning and thereby enable student success.

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.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information



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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