



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3208

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The STEAM Complex will house programs that will prepare students to successfully become certified in workforce and workforce-focused arts programs within a single complex. STEAM-related programs that will be offered are graphic technology, digital media/multimedia technology, electrical engineering technology, and welding technology. Future programs include construction technology and air conditioning, refrigeration, and heating technology. The ability to house the STEAM programs in a single building provides a unique setting for students. In addition to collaborative opportunities, students will be afforded additional real world experiential learning and the ability to practice all phases of the creative design process, from concept to project implementation. This project also supports SJR State's obligations under the 2018-19 GAA, SA 12 and 123, which included proviso that transferred responsibility for career and technical education in Putnam and Clay counties to the college.

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	34,152,450
Total State Funds Requested	34,152,450

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)	34,152,450	94%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	262,050	1%
Local	1,887,267	5%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	36,301,767	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.



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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.

The college received \$21.1m through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). \$8.8m of the funds were directed to student aid. Remaining funds were used for COVID 19 mitigation supportive measures.

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.

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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	This addition and renovation project will add student stations and related spaces and provide needed educational upgrades for existing programs and planned program expansion to meet local workforce needs in STEAM fields such as graphic technology, digital media/multimedia technology, electrical engineering technology, and welding technology. Accessibility and code compliance corrections will also be addressed.	34,152,450
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		34,152,450



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14. Program Performance

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

This project supports SJR State's obligations under the 2018-19 GAA, which transferred responsibility for career and technical education in Putnam and Clay counties to the college. The remodeling and addition to the STEAM Complex will provide space for graphic technology, electrical engineering technology and welding technology. Additionally, laboratory, classroom, and storage needs for these programs are addressed. The project scope will also address ADA and code compliance needs, such as installation of an elevator, ADA accessible restrooms, upgrade electrical system, and asbestos abatement.

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

The completion of the STEAM Complex will provide the college with the foundational support to incorporate the latest technology and equipment into the teaching process. When completed approximately 18,312 gross square feet will be remodeled in the existing building and an additional 47,727 gross square feet will create crucial space needed for establishing new workforce programs. The need for this project is critical for the college's success in implementing and sustaining the legislative directive initiated by the 2018 – 2019 General Appropriations Act.

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

Data from DEO's CareerSource Region 8 Employment Growth Projections show 1,372 local jobs are needed within the next 7 years in programs offered through this project. Supported careers include: Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers, Electrical Engineering, Multimedia Artists and Animators, Graphic Designers, Electricians, Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers, and Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers. These targeted occupation are part of the 21-22 Regional Demand Occupations List as High Skill/High Wage with medium hourly wages between \$19.71 to \$44.72.

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

As the number of students increase, there is a critical need for more space. The shortage of dedicated classrooms and labs has forced the school to use classrooms and labs not designed to meet program needs. This project will add 133 additional student stations which will serve 266 full-time equivalent (FTE) students.

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

The STEAM Complex will answer Florida's unmet workforce needs by expanding programs necessary to keep up with workforce demands for training in advanced technologies, partnerships with new and existing businesses, aligning programs to business and industries targeted for growth, providing a trained workforce in a Rural Area of Opportunity, and filling gaps between emerging jobs and skilled workers. Measurement will include increased industry certifications, employment data in High Skill/High Wage occupations, and regional employment trends.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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



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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