



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1003

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

4. Project/Program Description

Polk State College is requesting \$17,576,930 to complete the \$51 million Polk State Haines City-Davenport Campus. With \$8.1 million allocated in the 2024 Legislative Session, the College will begin construction in early 2025, making this final funding is crucial to prevent construction delays. The campus will drive workforce development, support local industries, and provide essential educational and healthcare training opportunities. Approving this request will ensure the project stays on track and is open to students as early as Fall 2026, benefiting Northeast Polk County’s economic growth and long-term prosperity.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	17,576,930
Total State Funds Requested	17,576,930

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	17,576,930	35%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	29,900,000	59%
Local	3,000,000	6%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	50,476,930	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	8,100,000	17	No

9. Is future-year 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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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

02/03/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2026

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Operational funds and carryforward funds.

11. 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.

12. 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		
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	Requested funds will be used to complete construction of a 75,000 square foot facility to house classrooms, laboratories, offices, and student support spaces to serve Northeast Polk County. Construction will begin in early 2025, and will serve students as early as the Fall 2026 Semester.	17,576,930
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		17,576,930

13. Program Performance

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



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Construction on the Haines City-Davenport Campus will begin in early 2025. This final funding allocation is crucial to ensure the project progresses smoothly and opens for students in Fall 2026, preventing any disruption in construction and guaranteeing timely completion.

Located in one of the fastest growing areas of Polk County, the Polk State Haines City Campus will increase access to higher education for stakeholders in Haines City, Davenport, Poinciana, and the Four Corners region. In particular, this will allow for the growth of high-demand workforce programs including those in the areas of Health Sciences and Logistics.

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

The proposed development will house education and training facilities to support workforce programs with a particular emphasis on Health Sciences and the general education coursework for the Associate in Arts degree. Health disciplines do not work in isolation in a hospital or clinic setting and students at this campus will have the benefit of sharing state-of-the-art technical and training labs while working alongside each other as they would in a hospital setting.

Increases in the use of simulation may alleviate some of the pressure on clinical scheduling and would facilitate students' time to completion. The Haines City-Davenport Campus would provide dedicated laboratory space and skilled personnel to program simulators, manage lab set ups, and provide for student engagement – currently not feasible in Polk State's older, smaller lab spaces.

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

Upon completion, the Haines City-Davenport Campus will provide residents with access to essential academic services and the ability to earn an Associate in Arts degree, along with degrees in high-demand Health Sciences fields. The campus will also feature Central Florida's first interdisciplinary simulation hospital at a public higher education institution, enhancing healthcare training and fostering partnerships with local healthcare providers.

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

Polk County students and families are the target population for this project with a particular emphasis on those residing within the Haines City, Davenport, Poinciana, and the Four Corners region. Residents within a 10-mile radius of the site are the ideal population to be served and include nearly 3,800 12th graders, which represents 39% of all 12th graders in Polk County, and over 80,000 individuals whose highest educational attainment is a high school diploma or some college/no degree.

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

The outcome of this project will be to provide access to higher education to the residents of Northeast Polk County. Outcomes will be measured through increased student enrollment, retention, and completion for Polk State College, and specific increases in these metrics for students who are residents of the Haines City, Davenport, Poinciana, and the Four Corners 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 in the contract?

Penalties should be consistent with those outlined for fixed capital outlay projects.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):



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15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.