



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1004

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Polk State is requesting \$6,141,785 to complete renovations to Building #1 on the Lakeland Campus. Originally constructed in the late 1980s, the building requires significant upgrades to align with current educational needs. The funds will support the creation of modern, flexible spaces designed to facilitate hands-on simulations, video recording for self-assessment, and collaborative learning—key elements of today’s instructional practices. In addition to these instructional upgrades, the funds will address critical infrastructure improvements, including the modernization of HVAC systems, electrical systems, and cabling. The project will also ensure that the building is fully compliant with life-safety codes and ADA accessibility standards, providing a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students. This funding is essential to complete the renovations and deliver a state-of-the-art educational facility that meets the needs of both students and faculty.

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	6,141,785
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>6,141,785</b>

**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)	6,141,785	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	6,141,785	50%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>12,283,570</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		
2023-24	0	6,141,785	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01/2027

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

Operating 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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used to renovate and modernize all classrooms and laboratory spaces including those for Nursing and Respiratory Care, computer labs, offices, and support spaces. All infrastructure systems, including HVAC, electrical, and cabling, as well as all life-safety and ADA-compliance will be upgraded.	6,141,785
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>6,141,785</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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Polk State is requesting \$6,141,785 to modernize Building #1, constructed in the late 1980s, by upgrading its facilities to support contemporary instructional methods. 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 #1 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 upgrade Building #1 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 #1, 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 1 houses the Lakeland Campus's Student Center and Cafe which are regularly used as meeting spaces which are open to the public and community groups.

**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 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):**

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

- Yes, Applied



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- 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)
- Local Entity
- University or College



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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.*