



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1035

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

4. Project/Program Description

Suncoast Technical College (STC) is expanding the North Port branch to meet the needs of the community as it is one of the fastest growing cities in the country. The expansion will include the construction of a new building to offer more career and technical education programs, renovate the student services area to meet the needs of the expanded enrollment, increase the safety and security through a single point of entry, and install an awning to provide a covered area for the trades programs to expand their lab space. The expansion is at a critical time for North Port. The tremendous growth in population has created a shortage in skilled construction trades workers, healthcare workers, and a variety of other skilled workers. The expansion will allow us to create new and additional programs to meet these critical needs.

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

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	4%
Matching Funds		
Federal	7,500,000	36%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	12,500,000	60%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	20,750,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future-year 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.**



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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?

01/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2027

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

Suncoast Technical College is funded through the Florida Department of Education and Sarasota County Schools.

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 and property are owned by Sarasota County Schools.

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	The construction of a new building with classrooms and labs for career and technical education training and the expansion of the student services office to include a testing center.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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



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

Suncoast Technical College will offer Florida Department of Education approved programs in the areas of Career and Technical Education and Adult General Education in order to meet the community's workforce and education needs. Students will have the opportunity to earn career certificates, state licensure, and/or other industry recognized credentials of value. STC offers assistance with enrollment, financial aid, and other supports to ensure students are successful.

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

The citizens of North Port, Sarasota County and other surrounding communities will have the opportunity to enroll in a variety Career and Technical Education programs that lead to high wage, high demand careers. In addition, STC offers Adult General Education programs in GED Preparation and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) that allow our citizens to become productive members of the community. Both pathways lead to careers and/or continuing education opportunities.

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

Suncoast Technical College targets all populations in the community beginning with high school dual-enrollment students to adults looking for a career path change. While students 16 years of age or older may attend, we also target ways to assist our special populations, including but not limited to socio-economic status, disability, race, non-traditional careers clusters for men and women, etc. STC partners with Career Source and other local agencies to provide additional support services and financial assistance. The expansion hopes to serve an additional 1,000 citizens or more over the first five years of its completion.

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

Suncoast Technical College strives to help students earn the necessary skills and credentials to prepare for a high wage, high demand career path. Students that attend and complete our programs will become productive members of our community in a variety of career fields such as healthcare or trades that will help close our growing skilled workforce shortage. Our results are measured through both the Florida Department of Education and our accreditation body, Council on Occupational Education. We must maintain a specified level of program completion, licensure/credential attainment, and placement into employment in order to continue our accreditation.

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?

Suncoast Technical College is an accredited agency that must meet mandated requirements as an educational institution set by the Florida Department of Education and the Council on Occupational Education in order to receive funding and an accreditation. Failure to comply with these agencies could result in a loss of funding and a loss of accreditation.

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)



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- 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 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.