



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1295

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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	7,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	7,000,000

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)	7,000,000	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 2025-2026	7,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction



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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?

01/30/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/15/2026

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

The College utilizes capital improvement fees and operational budget repairs and maintenance funds to maintain the campus chiller plant.

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.

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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	Funds will be used for the upgrade, construction, renovation, and installation of critical chiller plant infrastructure.	7,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this funding request is to secure financial support for the upgrade, modernization and expansion of the Chiller Plant Infrastructure. This project aims to enhance the efficiency, capacity, and reliability of the existing chiller plant systems, which serve as the backbone for cooling operations at the College. Our current infrastructure, while functional, is outdated, often broken and increasingly unable to meet the growing demand for cooling services.

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

Funding will be used to engage specialized consultants and contractors to perform detailed assessments, planning, and engineering studies necessary for the chiller plant infrastructure upgrade. In addition, funds will be used for the upgrade, construction, renovation, and installation of critical chiller plant infrastructure.



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

Upgrading the Chiller Plant Infrastructure will provide consistent and reliable cooling to the Key West Campus. The College is committed to providing citizens with physical access to public higher education facilities in Key West. Additionally, the College operates a Public Charter School and Health Clinic, a library an aquatic center and other services that benefit the community's health and well-being. The Department of Health is a major partner.

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

The College of the Florida Keys serves more than 1,500 students, has over 100 employees, and on any given day may have over 200 visitors, community members and users of its facilities and services.

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

Improved indoor air quality and consistent temperature control across campus facilities. Conduct pre- and post-upgrade air quality assessments to measure outcome. Increased student and employee comfort, resulting in higher attendance rates and improved academic performance. Avoid potential campus closures which result in class cancellations due to the chiller plant system requiring repairs during of high climate temperatures (May through September). Monitor campus attendance records, productivity reports, campus closures, and survey results for feedback on environmental conditions. Lower operational costs resulting from improved performance and reliability of the upgraded chiller plant infrastructure. Compare maintenance expenses, operational downtime, and overall cooling system output before and after the infrastructure upgrade to quantify cost savings.

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?

Reversion of funding

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
- 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:



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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
- 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



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d. Phone Number

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