



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1307

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The College intends to build a 12,229 GSF classroom and applied learning space at the CF Vintage Farm campus, the college's 103-acre working farm campus. The building will be the first dedicated instructional space at the campus and will support the agribusiness, agricultural technology and equine studies programs, which represent critical industry job demand in the tri-county region. CF has partnered with UF-IFAS, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida Farm Bureau and FDACS. The 103 acre farm valued at over \$3 million was a private gift to the college.

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	9,858,994
Total State Funds Requested	9,858,994

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)	9,858,994	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	9,858,994	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.



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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?

06/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/01/2027

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

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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	Architectural, engineering, construction, FFE	9,858,994
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		9,858,994

13. Program Performance

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

Provide state-of-the-art instructional and job training experience to students in the fields of agribusiness and agricultural technology and establish the state's first Associate of Science in Precision Agriculture. Attract new students into the industry and support local industry by upskilling existing workers with a focus on Best Practices Management (BPMs) as identified by FL Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services. Prepare the future workforce to solve the food and natural resources challenges Florida faces now and in the future.

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



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Funding for this project will create the first building to support agricultural sciences and equine studies on the CF Vintage Farm campus, including classrooms, a teaching and vocational lab, and simulation lab. CF has the only applied A.S. Agribusiness and A.S. Equine in Florida and plans to expand with first A.S. Precision Agriculture and programs in environmental science and water quality.

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

This project will help ensure a pipeline of highly trained applied technicians in agriculture who can lead the state in solving food and natural resource challenges using precision technology and leveraging artificial intelligence. Marion County produces \$390 million in agricultural exports annually and the region's equine industry has economic impact of \$4.3 billion.

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

Future agricultural production technicians and agribusiness professionals. In program headcount in all agribusiness and equine programs is currently at 190. Potentially another 300 prospective students would be served through the programs, and additional events and recruitment activities will occur within the dedicated instructional space.

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

The college would use the dedicated instructional space to serve current and new students. Enrollment by head count, completion of academic programs and job placement rates would be used to demonstrate 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?

Reversion of funding back to the State.

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

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