



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1484

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

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a new, 108,134 gsf workforce training building designed to double the number of students trained in the fields of math, science, technology, and various healthcare programs (such as nursing, respiratory therapy, etc) from ~4,500 to ~9,000. Fill large gaps in regional and statewide workforce needs, especially in nursing and other health sciences. Provide a highly-trained and skilled workforce in high-demand, high-skilled, high-wage healthcare areas. The Florida Center for Nursing estimates that 1,000 nurses alone will be needed annually for the next 10 years.

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	20,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	20,000,000

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)	20,000,000	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	5,000,000	20%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	25,000,000	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		
2024-25	0	2,500,000	17	Yes

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.**

We expect to request non-recurring state funding of \$35,957,390 for the balance of the project in FY 2027. We are also working to secure additional funding from local healthcare partners but have no other commitments yet. The additional \$5M available for this project in #7 above is contingent upon receipt of State funds.



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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?

04/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/31/2027

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

Upon completion of the project, operations and maintenance to be covered by College funds (including capital as appropriate).

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.

As Seminole State is a public institution of higher learning, the owner will be the people of Florida.

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	Construction of a new, 108,134 gsf workforce training facility designed to double the number of students trained in math, healthcare and other science programs from ~4,500 to ~9,000. This is Year 2 funding to be applied to construction costs. Start and end dates of construction are contingent upon state appropriations, but completion is projected for the end of FY 2026-2027.	20,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		20,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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In 2024-2025, program and facility planning for the construction of a new, 108,136 gsf building to house workforce classrooms and labs designed to double the number of students served from ~4,500 to ~9,000. Fill large gaps in regional and statewide workforce needs, especially in nursing and other health sciences. Provide a highly trained and skilled workforce in high-demand healthcare areas. Jobs will be created during construction, and program grads will be placed into high-demand, high-skilled, high-wage jobs. In total, this is a three-year project.

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

In 2024-2025, program and facility planning for the construction of a new, 108,136 gsf building to house workforce classrooms and labs designed to double the number of students served from ~4,500 to ~9,000. In total, this is a three-year project. The State of Florida previously provided \$25 million in state funding for the purchase of land for the site of this project. Jobs will be created during construction and program grads will be placed in high-skilled, high-demand, high-wage jobs upon graduation.

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

Creation of jobs during the construction phase. Training and placement of grads in high-demand workforce jobs, especially healthcare and related occupations. Placement rates are currently greater than 90%, with a 100% passage rate on nursing licensure exams. Employers will be supported by more well-trained graduates prepared to immediately enter the workforce in workforce occupations experiencing shortages.

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

College students, high school dual enrollment students, workers returning to refresh or enhance skills, economically disadvantaged persons, and jobless persons. The number of students served is expected to double from ~4,500 to ~9,000.

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

Improved quality of education, improved economic self-sufficiency, increased economic activity, and addressed employer need. Measured by the number and rate of program enrollments, completions, graduates, placement, wages of graduates, and reinvestments by graduates back into the local/regional economy.

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?

Seminole State College has standard performance clauses in all of its contracts which ensure that work will be completed in accordance with the workplan and list of deliverables, including provisions relating to the payment and withholding of funds as necessary. It is not anticipated that additional penalties will be needed.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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



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- 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
- Other (please specify)



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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.