



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2005

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will bolster current and projected enrollment growth at the Blount Center, which has increased to 3,000 students and is estimated to reach 5,000-7,000 annually. SF will create a Workforce Innovation and Training Center to better serve the development of local businesses, support upskilling and reskilling efforts for both the unemployed and underemployed and provide new instructional and customized training spaces for credit and non-credit programming. SF's Foundation, who has supported previous site phases by giving SF \$5.56M of property to the college, will also contribute an additional \$4M to this project.

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	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	15,000,000

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)	15,000,000	79%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	4,000,000	21%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	19,000,000	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	6,500,000	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.



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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?

11/30/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

Santa Fe College would prioritize operational funds to support the ongoing operations and maintenance of the new facility.

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.

Santa Fe College

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Acquire property and construct a 15,300 sq. ft. facility that houses credit and non-credit instructional and training space. Support service spaces for these programs are included in plans.	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		15,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The goal of this project is to increase access to higher education, including in adjacent rural areas, and help drive economic development in collaboration with workforce partners, employers and employees. It is intended to become a workforce innovation hub for businesses and those unemployed or underemployed.

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



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Academic instruction and short-term credentialing through class, training, seminars, boot camps, workshops and other related upskilling and reskilling opportunities for those who are unemployed or underemployed; programs will also allow for businesses to develop by using versatile, technology-rich teaching space.

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

Once completed, the college will provide credit and non-credit academic offerings and associated support services in the new facility designed to meet local workforce needs. Instructional and training spaces will function to increase and enhance short-term training, certificates, upskilling/reskilling, stackable credentials, and entrepreneurship opportunities.

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

The target populations for this project would include college students, adults who are unemployed or underemployed, and employers seeking employees or employers seeking to train existing employees. It will also provide additional access to students from surrounding rural areas of the service district.

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

Increased support for local businesses by offering opportunities to educate and train existing and prospective employees. The spaces will help facilitate the development of the workforce and business by doubling the number of non-degree industry certifications awarded within five years, from 447 to 900. This will be measured by analyzing space utilization as well as tracking and assessing data related to student enrollment, performance, job placement and entry level wages.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables would result in a return of funding to the state.

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
- 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):

N/A

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.