



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2431

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Office of Educational Facilities approved a Castaldi Analysis for Building 56, which found rebuilding more cost-effective than renovating due to its outdated systems and costly maintenance. Currently housing the Behavioral Science program, the building can no longer support the necessary services and space for students due to its deteriorating condition. Built in 1988, Building 57 currently houses the Physical Science programs, but the building is no longer adequate to meet student needs. With no room for expansion, the College proposes rebuilding Building 56, adding 25,000 square feet, and relocating the program to the new facility. This will provide more space and allow for updated science labs with modern technology. Broward College anticipates that the North Campus Building 56 & 57 Remodel will enable the addition of four associate degree programs, one bachelor's degree program, and seven certificate programs, resulting in 140 more degrees annually starting in the 2026-27.

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	15,404,437
Total State Funds Requested	15,404,437

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)	15,404,437	40%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	15,000,000	39%
Local	8,000,000	21%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	38,404,437	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		
2023-24	0	15,000,000	17	No

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?

05/01/2025

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?

Ongoing operation and maintenance will be funded from Unrestricted Operating Funds and for capital improvements needed in the future will be funded by Capital Improvement Funds.

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.

Broward 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		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	Design Documentation for Building 56 demolition and expansion, Design Documentation for Building 57 renovation. Construction, site improvements and structural improvements for both buildings. Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment for the completion of the project.	15,404,437
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		15,404,437

13. Program Performance

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



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To develop a state-of-the-art STEM and Nursing complex that will modernize and expand the college's infrastructure. This project will include the creation of 10 science laboratories, 4 nursing laboratories, 1 health assessment lab, and 4 information technology laboratories to accommodate the increasing number of students pursuing STEM and Nursing pathways. The funds will also support the integration of advanced building technology, energy efficiency, and environmental quality, all of which will enhance the college's academic offerings, attract and retain students and faculty, and address workforce gaps in the IT and healthcare sectors.

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

The proposed renovations to Buildings 56 and 57 will expand STEM and Nursing programs by adding 10 Science laboratories, Nursing Laboratories, Information Technology Labs and AI technology & Cybersecurity hub. These additions will increase capacity, serving more students and accelerating their completion of certificates and degrees. Renovations will also improve scheduling efficiencies, particularly in high-demand courses like mathematics, and significantly expand lab space in Biological and Physical Sciences, addressing current bottlenecks and enhancing retention, completion, and enrollment.

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

The appropriation project will directly benefit citizens by expanding educational opportunities in healthcare, nursing, and technology fields. Key services include the creation of new labs to support STEM and nursing students, addressing the growing demand for skilled professionals. The project will also enhance educational facilities with modern science and IT labs, improving access to high-demand programs like nursing, which face space and clinical placement shortages. This expansion will increase student capacity and provide better resources for future careers in healthcare and technology.

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

This project aims to serve students pursuing careers in Healthcare Sciences, Nursing, and Computer and Information Technology, with a particular focus on those enrolled at Broward College. According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Jobs by Occupation report for Broward County, Computer and Mathematical Occupations are projected to experience the third-highest growth between 2022 and 2030, with a 13.5% increase. The highest growth is projected in Healthcare Support Occupations, with a 16% increase. Together, these two occupation categories are expected to generate a total of 49,317 job openings by 2030.

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

The expected benefit of this project is the increased capacity for students pursuing careers in healthcare, nursing, and technology. This will be realized through the development of new laboratories, improved educational facilities, and expanded student enrollment, all aimed at better preparing students to meet the rising demand for skilled professionals in these fields. Success will be measured by monitoring increases in student enrollment and graduation rates, particularly in high demand, "limited access" programs such as nursing. The effectiveness of the newly created and upgraded labs will be evaluated based on enrollment figures and program performance.

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?

In addition to the bonding agencies enforcement, penalties may include contract debarment.

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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- 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.