



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2529

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Palm Beach State College (PBSC) is proud to offer a comprehensive suite of construction-related programs to meet the growing demand for skilled labor in Palm Beach County. These programs are part of our vision to create a Vocational Village, which will provide students, contractors, and the community with a state-of-the-art learning environment that fosters collaboration, innovation, and workforce development.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	7,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	8,000,000

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)	8,000,000	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	8,000,000	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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

The college continues to seek additional sources of funding through private grants and foundation, such as the Lowe's Foundation Gable Grant, who generously awarded \$1 million to the College in 2023.



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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?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/31/2026

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

Palm Beach State College was awarded funding through the U.S. Department of Labor's Strengthening Community Colleges Grant and this provides funding for personnel support. In expanding our programs, the College would anticipate receiving more funding through student tuition and fee to support the program.

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	Lab equipment, tools, machinery, etc.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Three "modulars" would be purchased and each houses two programs each.	7,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The Vocational Village will be a hub for innovation and collaboration between students, industry professionals, and community stakeholders. Students will benefit from hands-on learning opportunities and internships, preparing them for immediate workforce entry. Local contractors will have access to a pipeline of highly trained graduates ready to fill critical roles in their companies. The community will benefit from increased economic development and enhanced infrastructure projects led by PBSC-trained professionals. Palm Beach State College is committed to shaping the future of construction education in Palm Beach County and beyond. Through our innovative programs and partnerships with local industry leaders, we are building structures and careers that will support our region's continued growth.

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

PBSC continues to provide its established Building Construction Technology A.S. Degree, Building Construction Specialist CCC, and certificate programs in HVAC & R, Welding, Electrician, and Low Voltage Integration. We also offer robust apprenticeship programs in electricity and HVAC & R. To expand our offerings further, PBSC will introduce a clock-hour carpentry program, a plumbing certificate program, and a new plumbing apprenticeship. We have an ATD in progress with the DOE currently.

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

An expansion of training services to the Palm Beach County residents, benefiting the population at large.

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

High school students, college students, unemployed and those already employed seeking to upskill to the trades. We anticipate serving upwards of thousands of students going forward.

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

We seek to train the next generation of trades-people to supply our community and state with a talent pipeline to fill worker shortages and address the labor market demand.

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?

If the college fails to complete the project the college will not be able to claim the reimbursement from the DOE.

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#:



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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)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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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.