



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2562

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Renovate existing classroom space and construct adjoining Workforce Training Center for existing program utilization and provide needed additional space for planned program expansion to meet local workforce needs in the construction and maritime sectors.

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	18,773,926
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>18,773,926</b>

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)	18,773,926	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>18,773,926</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	10,000,000	17	No

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.

**Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects**



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**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?** 11/01/2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 12/01/2027

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

Recurring institutional operational funds as appropriated in the GAA.

**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.**

St. Johns River State College

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovate existing classroom space and construct adjoining Workforce Training Center for existing program utilization and provide needed additional space for planned program expansion to meet local workforce needs in the construction and maritime sectors.	18,773,926
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>18,773,926</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

To provide training, a facility with significant open floor space, 16' or higher ceilings, adequate power, and a ventilation/exhaust system is required. SJR State does not have a facility of this type on any of its campuses. As a result, the college has been unable to offer instructional programs in building trades, a high demand trade for the service areas. In addition, the college will be launching a new maritime academy to prepare individuals for this growing industry in northeast Florida.

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



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Provide instructional space for maritime and building trades to support workforce needs in the College's service district. Funding this capital improvement project will allow the College to develop comprehensive career and technical education programming to meet workforce needs in Putnam County.

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

As the construction and marine industries are growing robustly in the College's service district and there is currently no facility at the College's three campuses configured to facilitate instruction in these fields, this project will allow the College to create and confer new degrees and certificates to graduates who will immediately fill positions needed by local and regional employers.

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

The target population for this project are jobless and economically disadvantaged persons and college students. The project expects to generate over 75,000 student credit hours and serve approximately 2,100 individuals across the lifetime of the building.

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

The project will improve the quality of education for individuals in the region by preparing graduates for jobs in construction and maritime targeted industries. The project will support an increase in the number of construction and maritime jobs, and will create specific job opportunities for those employed by the College to teach in these programs. Success would be measured by surveying those who employ program graduates, post-completion employment data in the construction and maritime sectors in the service district, as well as wage data for those employed.

**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?**

\$1,000 per day in liquidated damages for failure to meet substantial completion.

**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):**

**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**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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