



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2732

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The proposed expansion for Crystal River High School's Health Academy will provide high school students with the opportunity to gain practical knowledge and hands-on experience in the healthcare field, preparing them for careers in health-related professions. The program will offer specialized coursework, internships, mentorship opportunities, and certifications. By equipping students with the skills and experience necessary to pursue careers in this critical and growing sector, the Health Academy will not only benefit students but also contribute to addressing the healthcare workforce shortage in our community. The requested funds will be used to perform renovations on the current Health Academy facilities and to purchase curriculum, supplies, and equipment to meet current industry standards.

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	346,843
Fixed Capital Outlay	765,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,111,843

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)	1,111,843	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	1,111,843	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	150,000	110	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?

08/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/31/2026

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

Citrus County Schools District Funding and Perkins/CAPE 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.

Citrus County School Board, Governing Entity of Crystal River High School

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	Travel for CTE Director, Program Specialist, and/or Instructor	5,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment and Supplies to Meet Industry Standards for Health Academy Programs: Biomed, Vet Tech, Nursing, EMT/Fire, and Dental	341,843
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Fencing, AstroTurf, Shaded Awning, and Classroom Addition for Vet Tech Program Multi-Purpose Mock for EMT/Fire	765,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,111,843

13. Program Performance

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



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The goal is to empower Citrus County students with the knowledge and skills needed for high-skilled, high-demand health related careers by expanding current health academy pathways at Crystal River High School. The students will learn technical health focused skills, related hands on training, and master the knowledge needed to be successful and earn industry certification in health related fields. Students will be ready for direct employment or advanced training at any post secondary school within the Florida College System.

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

The Crystal River High School Health Academy will provide courses with challenging standards, hands on training, relevant technical knowledge, and skills needed to earn industry certification for direct employment in a health related field or advanced training at a post secondary school to build the students' careers in various health pathways.

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

The direct services will be four years of high school courses to prepare our students to be employable directly out of high school or to continue to advanced training at a postsecondary facility. This will fill the skilled medical trade gap in our area, promote economic growth, and establish a high standard of living for the residents of Citrus County.

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

The targeted population will be students from across the county who are interested in developing skills needed for medically associated careers. We currently have 225 students enrolled annually in the Health Academy at Crystal River High School.

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

The expected outcome is to increase industry certifications earned, graduation rates, and essential jobs filled for community growth. This project will also decrease the high school dropout rate increasing the number of students entering the workforce with high-skilled, high-wage jobs. These data points will be gathered and compared to the previous year's data.

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?

Citrus County Schools is committed to addressing Florida's Health Trade shortage through innovative training. In the event that performance measures are not met, we will ask for a 60 day performance improvement plan.

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):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply



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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) School District

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address



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f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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