



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2801

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Enrollment at the Hialeah Campus has grown by over 50% in three years, from 7,500 students in fall 2021 to over 11,600 this term, driven by a population boom in Hialeah and nearby areas. Operating at full capacity, the campus faces challenges in meeting rising demand. Expanding the campus would enable more programs for career development and workforce training, addressing community needs and supporting regional economic growth. This investment is essential to maintaining accessible, high-quality education.

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	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	6,000,000

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)	6,000,000	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	6,000,000	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		

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.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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	The cost includes expanding classrooms, labs, and facilities to support growing enrollment and community needs.	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		6,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

Miami Dade College's Hialeah Campus serves a rapidly growing student population, and expanded facilities are essential to meet increasing demand. Additional funding will allow the campus to enhance educational spaces, provide access to state-of-the-art resources, and support workforce development programs, ensuring students have the tools they need to succeed in their academic and career goals.

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



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Services and activities will include the development of expanded educational spaces, access to modern technology and state-of-the-art resources, and the enhancement of workforce development programs. These efforts will provide students with hands-on learning opportunities, updated facilities, and career-focused training to support their academic success and career readiness in high-demand fields.

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

The project will provide enhanced educational facilities, modern technology access, and workforce programs to equip students with skills for academic and career success.

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

There are roughly 30,000 students that attended Miami Dade College Hialeah Campus annually.

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

The project is expected to improve educational access, enhance student success, and address workforce needs. Outcomes will be measured through enrollment and graduation rates, student retention data, and job placement tracking in high-demand fields.

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?

Withhold funds or require corrective actions to ensure compliance with deliverables and performance measures.

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:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?



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- Yes, Applied
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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

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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