



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3158

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project, which received partial funding last session, represents the final funding to complete the renovation of FSW's Health Professions building in Charlotte. This renovation will provide high-fidelity simulation labs, expanded skills labs, and modernized classrooms to enhance nursing education. Activities include simulation-based training, increased enrollment capacity, and improved faculty collaboration through updated office spaces. Services extend to local healthcare partners, offering spaces for specialized training and workforce development.

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	4,929,060
Total State Funds Requested	4,929,060

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)	4,929,060	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	4,929,060	100%

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	2,400,000	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.



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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?

08/31/2025

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?

This is an existing building and its operations and maintenance are already included in the operating budget.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction costs and other project costs including site preparation, landscape/irrigation, telecommunication, electrical service, water distribution, sanitary sewer system, chilled water system, storm water system, planning and programming, architect/engineering fees, inspection services, on-site representation, testing/surveys, other professional services, miscellaneous.	4,929,060
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,929,060

13. Program Performance

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



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The Charlotte Campus - Building E Health Professions Remodel will enhance nursing education by creating state-of-the-art simulation labs and increasing enrollment capacity from 84 to 192 students within three years. The project ensures consistent, high-quality training across campuses, meets Florida's standards for simulation-based clinical education, and includes vital upgrades to support advanced technology. It will also benefit the community by providing specialized training for healthcare partners, strengthening workforce development in the region.

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

The renovation of Building E at the Charlotte campus will transform nursing education by providing high-fidelity simulation labs and expanded skills labs, enabling students to complete up to 50% of their clinical training in advanced, realistic settings. The project will increase lab capacity to support higher enrollment and create modern classrooms, debriefing rooms, and hospital-like environments equipped with state-of-the-art technology and furnishings. Faculty and staff will benefit from improved office and collaboration spaces, enhancing student support and operations. Additionally, the facility will serve as a training hub for healthcare partners, offering specialized programs to address regional workforce needs.

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

The renovation of Building E will directly benefit citizens by addressing the regional nursing shortage, producing more highly trained Registered Nurses to meet healthcare demands. The upgraded simulation and skills labs will also support community healthcare partners by providing spaces for specialized training and skills development. These improvements will enhance healthcare outcomes and workforce expertise, ensuring better care for residents across Southwest Florida.

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

The renovation of Building E will serve nursing students by expanding program capacity and providing advanced training environments. It will also benefit local healthcare providers through access to state-of-the-art training spaces and ultimately support Southwest Florida residents by addressing the regional nursing shortage and improving access to skilled healthcare professionals.

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

This project will increase program enrollment from 84 to over 192 students, addressing the regional nursing shortage by producing more qualified Registered Nurses. Enhanced training quality will be achieved through the creation of high-fidelity simulation labs and modernized facilities, preparing students for real-world clinical environments. Additionally, the facility will support community healthcare partners with specialized training spaces, strengthening the local workforce. Outcomes will be measured by tracking enrollment growth, graduation rates, and the number of program completers entering the local healthcare workforce.

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?

Return of appropriated funds.

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?



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- 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)
- Local Entity



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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.