



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3610

1. **Project Title** Florida SouthWestern State College - Charlotte Campus - Building E Health Professions Remodel

2. **Senate Sponsor** Kathleen Passidomo

3. **Date of Request** 01/16/2024

4. Project/Program Description

Nursing programs are challenged to graduate students who are proficient in critical thinking, clinical situations and judgement, and sophisticated healthcare technology. The Building E (Charlotte Campus) remodeling project addresses program space improvements for Charlotte Campus's Nursing program and simulation labs. The 16,448 gross square foot project will align the vocational program, facilities, and technology to create high-fidelity patient simulations and skills labs necessary to decrease training variability and increase standardization without exposing people and patients to unnecessary risks. Additionally, with the creation of an Associate of Science degree in Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA), a College Credit Certificate in Medical Assisting Specialist and an Associate of Science degree in Advances Medical Assisting (AMA) at FSW's Charlotte campus, the proposed renovation will serve to further meet the health care demands of Southwest Florida as a whole.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	7,329,060
Total State Funds Requested	7,329,060

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	7,329,060	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 2024-2025	7,329,060	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future 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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$37,334,107- expand remote learning, build IT capacity to support remote learning, training faculty, cleaning and sanitizing supplies, changes in the delivery of instruction, reimbursements to students.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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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13. 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: Other		
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 project includes the redesign of the building to re-organize physical space, and technology to align with the ASN/BSN nursing program's training and simulation practices in use at all campuses. Increase available lab seats/student stations to 36/cohort, promote the same educational experience at each campus, prepare students for real-life experiences, increase lab and simulation space, new lab and simulation presentation technology, new simulation and skills lab equipment & site improvement.	7,329,060
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,329,060



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14. Program Performance

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

Funding to provide much needed renovation of the Charlotte Campus Building E that would allow for incremental increases in program enrollment, with initial efforts focused on increasing day program enrollment from 24 to 36 students, then increasing evening/weekend program enrollment from 18 to 24 students, followed by the addition of an additional day program cohort of 24 to 36 students. As a result, total Charlotte campus ASN program enrollment would increase from 84 to over 192 students over a 2-3 year period. Subsequently, projected completers of the program will be increased by over 50% as a result of facility renovation. As for the implementation of the two new PTA and AMA Associate of Science degrees, the programs are expected to enroll 25 (for PTA) and upwards of 60 (for AMA & CCC) each year.

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

A successful and efficient simulation learning environment within Building E of FSW's Charlotte campus would allow for the ASN program to increase program enrollment by maximizing on the ability to provide simulated clinical training experiences for up to 50% of program clinical training hours. Needed renovation of Building E includes creating a variety of rooms for training purposes including control monitor stations, patient suites, debriefing rooms, and adjacent classroom spaces. The renovated space would include use of drop ceilings, simulated air, gas, and suction, hospital and community setting furnishings, and state of the art technology including audiovisual equipment, networking, computers, and software.

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

The proposed renovation would improve academic experiences by providing ASN students, faculty, and staff effective and efficient space to receive and provide effective learning experiences. Funding for renovation of Building E would provide Charlotte campus students access to state-of-the-art technology and learning spaces aligned with those currently available to FSW ASN students on the Lee and Collier campuses. The redesign of Building E would also create a Charlotte Campus Simulation Center that will allow for full 50% utilization of customized evidenced-based training for a safer healthcare system, increasing enrollment, and improving recruitment opportunities for nursing graduates. Additionally, the renovation would benefit multiple health professions programs at FSW as this space would provide a real-time training facility for interdisciplinary patient care experiences.

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

Projected increases in day program enrollment from 24 to 36 students, evening/weekend program enrollment from 18 to 24 students, an additional day program cohort of 24 to 36 students. As for the implementation of the two new PTA and AMA Associate of Science degrees, the programs are expected to enroll 25 (for PTA) and upwards of 60 (for AMA & CCC) each year. Utilization by community and clinical partners, and other health professions programs would be facilitated during times of availability when this space is not in use for the ASN program.

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

A local and national nursing shortage continues to exist, and multiple vacant Registered Nursing positions are available for our ASN graduates, not only in Charlotte County but across Southwest Florida. Clinical partners and employers of our graduates have expressed dire need for us to provide as many qualified and skilled graduates as possible, to assist them in meeting their workforce needs and in decreasing the number of traveling nurse positions they are forced to fill given progressive and ongoing RN position vacancies. Upon completion of Building E renovation on the Charlotte campus, FSW's ASN Program will be positioned to better assist in meeting the economic need for increased RN workforce and help to narrow the gap between available academic program seats and vacant nursing positions.

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 the contract?

Return of funds.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number