



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1991

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will relocate, improve and expand Santa Fe College's (SF) Automotive program facilities through property acquisition and construction to create an Automotive Technology and Training Center that will bolster this high-demand technical workforce program. The Automotive program is currently housed in two of SF's oldest facilities that have had very little renovation over the past 50 years. These buildings are at the end of their useful life and lack sufficient space to appropriately meet industry standards. In addition, there is no room for building expansion within this area of campus. The creation of a flexible and modern teaching and training center will allow SF to meet industry needs and future program development.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	11,986,588
Total State Funds Requested	11,986,588

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	11,986,588	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 2023-2024	11,986,588	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.

College funding for the purposes of operating the Automotive program.

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



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Yes

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

SF has received \$52.2 million in federal assistance, including \$21.7 million directly for student relief and \$30.5 million for institutional support. SF has expended \$21.2 million to date for institutional support including \$9.5 million for lost revenue and \$11.7 million for personnel, technology, equipment, materials and supplies and indirect costs. SF expects to spend the remaining amount this year to cover additional lost revenue, personnel costs and indirect cost recovery.

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

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.

Santa Fe College will own and operate the facility.

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	Acquire property and develop site to relocate the Automotive Program; renovate and remodel or construct a facility that will modernize instructional spaces to better conform with industry standards. Project includes automotive vocational labs with car bays with lifts; specialty lift bays with controlled vehicle exhaust systems; related classrooms and specialty classrooms; secured tool and materials storage; storage for heavy equipment; secure outdoor car storage; student study areas, and faculty	11,986,588



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14. Program Performance

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

SF intends to create an Automotive Technology and Training Center that will work closely with its industry partners to produce new employees that can meet the existing in-demand needs. Projected employment within the Auto industry in Florida is expected to grow by 9% through 2030, and workers in these fields on average earn \$44,780 in the Gainesville market. Relocation of this program will allow the college to replace 50 year-old buildings that have never been renovated and do not meet industry standards for training and instruction.

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

The Automotive Technology and Training Center will develop workforce training and education, leading to local and regional economic growth. The AS degree in Automotive Service Management Technology and Certificate in Automotive Service Technology prepare students for entry-level positions within the Auto industry and combine classroom instruction with hands-on training.

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

Students will have greater access to highly sought-after career and technical workforce programs, which are offered to the public through an open-admission policy for applicants that meet the minimum standards stated in Florida law. SF remains committed to providing equitable educational opportunities to all citizens pursuing admission, regardless of background. Moving these programs closer in proximity to industry partners will also better link opportunities for students with the workforce.

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

The workforce programs involved conduct outreach through industry partners to recruit participants, particularly in local and regional under-served communities. SF staff will also actively work with local schools to recruit students to take part in these programs. The program anticipates serving approximately 250 students over a five-year period, and the facility will be designed to be flexible for future workforce programming.

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

SF expects to continue to uphold a 90% completion rate for these workforce programs with an approximate job placement rate of 92%. Graduates of the programs will address the critical needs of industry partners for trained employees. The metrics to measure program impact will consist of quantitative data on enrollment, completion, graduation, and job placement of students.

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?

Revert appropriated funding back to the state.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County



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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