



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1116

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a new, 108,134 gsf workforce training building designed to double the number of students trained in the fields of math, science, technology, and various healthcare programs (such as nursing, respiratory therapy, etc) from ~4,500 to ~9,000. Fill large gaps in regional and statewide workforce needs, especially in nursing and other health sciences. Provide a highly trained and skilled workforce in high-demand, high-skilled, high-wage healthcare areas. The Florida Center for Nursing estimates that 1,000 nurses alone will be needed annually for the next 10 years.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	36,050,089
Total State Funds Requested	36,050,089

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)	36,050,089	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	36,050,089	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	4,376,555	17	No

9. Is future 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.

N/A

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



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

The College has received COVID-19 relief \$, but not for the purpose of facility construction. The money was for student financial aid, tuition refunds/waivers, tech and software \$ and replacement of lost revenues. Some was used for emergency facility repairs.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

See Question 13

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

End of FY 25-26

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.

As Seminole State is a public institution of higher learning, the owner will be the people of Florida.

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	Construction of a new, 108,134 gsf workforce training facility designed to double the number of students trained in math, healthcare and other science programs from ~4,500 to ~9,000. This is Year 2 funding to be applied to construction costs. Start and end dates of construction are contingent upon state appropriations, but completion is scheduled for the end of FY 2025-2026.	36,050,089
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		36,050,089

14. Program Performance

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



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The primary goal for this project is to improve health care access across the central Florida region by increasing the number of graduates from the college health care programs, including nursing. This increased capacity for graduates will help fill the large gaps in regional and statewide workforce needs and provide a highly trained and skilled workforce in high-demand healthcare areas. Jobs will also be created during construction and support regional economic development.

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

Labs and classrooms will be constructed to double the capacity of Seminole State's allied health programs, including nursing. The instruction activity in this building will help to fill critical gaps in regional and statewide workforce needs, particularly nursing and allied health fields. By producing graduates to meet workforce needs in healthcare and increasing the number of providers, citizens will gain better access to quality and affordable health care.

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

Jobs will be created during the construction phase. The number of providers including nurses and respiratory therapists will be increased as students are trained and placed in high-demand healthcare jobs. Placement rates currently exceed 93%, and nursing grads have a first-time pass rate of 98.55% on the NCLEX exam. Employers will be provided more well-trained graduates prepared to immediately enter the workforce in occupations currently experiencing dire shortages. By producing graduates to meet workforce needs in healthcare and increasing the number of providers, citizens will gain better access to quality and affordable health care.

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

College students, high school dual enrollment students, workers returning to refresh or enhance skills, economically disadvantaged persons, and jobless persons. The number of students served is expected to double from ~4,500 to ~9,000.

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 lead to increasing the number of providers such that citizens will gain better access to quality and affordable health care. This will be measured in collaboration with our healthcare leaders using data on job placement, staff turnover, increase in number of patients served, and quality of patient outcomes. Graduates will benefit from acquiring high demand jobs in a stable career with high wages. This will be measured by job placement rates and average salary within one, three and five years of graduating. Businesses will move to the region and invest in growth due to improved access to quality healthcare leading to economic growth.

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?

Seminole State College has standard performance clauses in all of its contracts which ensure that work will be completed in accordance with the workplan and list of deliverables, including provisions relating to the payment and withholding of funds as necessary. It is not anticipated that additional penalties will be needed.

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

c. Organization Type



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- 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