



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1744

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

4. Project/Program Description

Santa Fe College's (SF) Blount Center campus expansion project will drive economic development in the College's service district (Alachua and Bradford counties) through the expansion of business and IT programs, increased access to higher education for the citizens of East Gainesville and entrepreneurial activities in downtown Gainesville. Designed as a state-of-the-art technology education center, the new campus will be able to better prepare our students to enter today's high-tech jobs while continuing to support local economic and workforce growth.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	8%
Matching Funds		
Federal	4,764,080	13%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	13,039,710	36%
Local	15,689,656	43%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	36,493,446	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2018-19	0	5,000,000	23	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.

Student Capital Improvement Fees.

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.

SF has received \$23,721,937 in federal stimulus funding. Of the total amount received, \$7,859,450 has been allocated for direct financial aid grants to students, and the remaining funds are being used to defray expenses associated with the Coronavirus.

11. 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	Funds will be used to purchase and install building furnishings, fixtures and equipment.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Requested funds will be used to demolish and replace an outdated existing facility housing SF's Continuing & Community Education and economic development services, which was originally a 1950's retail building that has reached its operating capacity. The new 87,366 gross square foot facility will provide classrooms and labs to meet existing and anticipated enrollment growth; student stations and associated support spaces, including offices, study spaces, student services, library resources and meeting space; site development for storm water retention, roadway modifications, parking, environmental remediation, and telecommunications; landscape and utility upgrades, building equipment and furnishings.

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

The Business Administration and Information Technology (Programming, Networking, Cyber Security, Information Services Technology) programs will be relocating from the Northwest Campus to the Blount Campus. By moving these programs, SF will be able to alleviate overcrowding on the main campus while relocating them downtown to Gainesville's entrepreneurial and technology center. The programs will combine to offer 21 college credit certificates, 14 Associate of Science (A.S.) and 4 Bachelor of Applied Sciences (B.A.S.) degrees in these fields of study in addition to other credentials currently offered at the site.

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

In addition to the expansion of academic programs and classroom space, the new facility will feature a full suite of student services comprised of academic advisement, study spaces, library, and financial aid. The project will also expand the footprint of SF's Center for Innovation and Economic Development (CIED) small-business incubator, which provides support for local businesses. Collaborative workspaces are designed to replicate technologically state-of-the-art workspaces will enable students to enter the workforce with the skills and techniques needed to succeed.

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



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This project will improve access to higher education for the county's under-served population and will enhance academic programs and student services. By building a state-of-the-art technology education center, SF will be able to better prepare students for high-tech, high-wage jobs. The project will also assist in the continued collaboration with the University of Florida to support students, business and the community while improving the state's economic competitiveness. SF also received a \$4.76 million grant in 2019 from the US Economic Development Administration to expand services for its small business incubator.

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

Expected outcomes include: hundreds more graduates in high-wage, high-demand business and IT fields through continued program expansion and targeted employee recruitment and retention; double the capacity of start-up business incubation at the SF Center for Innovation and Economic Development; improved access; increased minority student graduates in Business and IT fields; improved collaboration between SF and the University of Florida (UF); and more customized and innovative training solutions for regional businesses. This project will be measured through enrollment, retention, and graduation data on students in Business and IT programs, including data on underrepresented minority students. Metrics on the number of incubating companies will also be factored, as well as collaboration projects with UF and local businesses (including internships) and innovative training solutions.

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 funds back to the state.

13. 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 be both owner of facility and recipient of fixed capital outlay funding.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number