



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1745

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

In order to meet critical community demands for new workforce programs, the college needs to renovate existing facility spaces. Since 2016, the college has been working with the state and community partners to build a new four-story Health Sciences Technology Education Center to house all health programs in one location. As part of CF's mission to be efficient stewards of state resources, we have developed a lower cost solution for Florida taxpayers. CF made the decision to close 3 indoor athletic programs and free up building resources for additional workforce needs. Our gymnasium building is sufficient in size to house new programs in respiratory therapy, cardiovascular tech, sonography, and expand surgical technology. The costs for renovating existing space is significantly less than the cost of new construction and would allow the college to be more responsive to community need by opening the programs much sooner and saving the state significant resources.

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	7,800,000
Total State Funds Requested	7,800,000

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)	7,800,000	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 2021-2022	7,800,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.**



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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.

CF was awarded \$5,063,708 through the CARES Act that was used for COVID-19 eligible expenses, moving to an online learning environment, and distributed to students in need (50%). The college expects to receive \$10,159,000 from CRRSAA. The college is awaiting guidance from the U.S. Department of Education as to how CRRSAA funding can be spent.

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	Renovation including construction, architectural services and equipment for 24,604 gsf	7,800,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,800,000

12. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose of this project is to renovate the College of Central Florida gymnasium. Instead of housing athletic programs, it will house high-demand, high-wage, health science workforce programs, including respiratory therapy, cardiovascular technology, sonography and surgical technology. The renovation would provide 24,604 gsf for labs and classroom space.

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

To meet the needs of our community, we will provide labs and classrooms to teach respiratory therapy, cardiovascular technology, sonography and surgical technology. In the three-county region, there are currently 148 employed respiratory therapists and 89 vacant positions, 157 employed CV technologists and 90 vacant positions, & 127 filled sonography positions and 82 vacant positions.

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

Education will be provided as the service. All hospital CEO's and senior staff have communicated the urgent need to CF for these programs. Our local Ocala Metro Chamber and Economic Partnership has put a priority on expanding health sciences workforce.

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



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The target population is citizens of Florida who want to start a career in respiratory therapy, cardiovascular technology, sonography or surgical technology. Each program takes 2 years to complete. Within the next 7 years, respiratory therapist position needs are expected to grow by 19.6%, cardiovascular tech by 14%, and sonographer by 19.7%.

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

The benefits would be to make the difference in lives of Florida residents by providing the opportunity to start a high-wage career and to meet our community needs by filling the positions they are in desperate need of filling. The annual salary for respiratory therapists is \$58,032, cardiovascular tech is \$53,014, and sonographers is \$48,838. The methodology by which this will be measured is job-placement rates and the number of graduates from each program, every year.

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?

Revocation of funding

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.

The College of Central Florida is part of the Florida College System. The renovations will take place on the Ocala campus at the College of Central Florida.



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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