



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2175

1. Project Title Pasco-Hernando State College Fire Academy Burn Center and Classrooms

2. Senate Sponsor Danny Burgess

3. Date of Request 01/03/2022

4. Project/Program Description

Pasco-Hernando State College (PHSC) request the creation of a Burn Center and classrooms for the Fire Academy at the East Campus in Dade City. We would like to create a Burn Center for students and the community to use as part of the Fire Academy and recertification training for local firefighters in the Tampa Bay area in accordance with Florida Administrative Code 69a 37.060.

The Burn Center would consist of shipping crates combined to create a three story building and to have the ability to create the necessary scenario based fires. The container version of the burn center would allow for the replacement of crates as use causes the deterioration due to the amount of fire time required for each academy.

To assist with the lack of classroom space on the PHSC East Campus at Dade City, we are requesting a separate building for multiple classrooms and changing/locker rooms with showers for students to use after their burn scenarios.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,400,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,400,000	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 2022-2023	5,400,000	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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Our Foundation at the college is continuously seeking funding sources, but may not find funds to support this endeavor.

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.

The College has used funds to assist students who were impacted by the pandemic and required additional support. We have also utilized funds to purchase technology to add an additional instructional modality for students to be both on and off campus and receive direct instruction.

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	To ensure we have the equipment necessary for the program which include but not limited to hydraulic cutters, rams, tools, valves, nozzles, and hoses.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Fire Truck with all of the required items associated equipment with a working truck such as hoses and tanks.	300,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Architectural and Construction Management to design and build this center. The following items will be included but not limited to: Burn Center to be the Commissioner- which includes a Training Tower, Burn room annex, residential section with movable wall panels, rappelling railing systems, elevator shaft, confined space rescue prop, etc; Four Classrooms with partition walls to open up for large learning spaces for up to 48 students; A 2-bay Fire Truck Garage with Storage, Lockers, Office, and s	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,400,000

12. Program Performance

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

To become an autonomous Fire Academy by building training center with facility structures, burn props, classrooms, and other requirements in accordance with Florida Administrative Code 69a 37.060.

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

The pinnacle of fire training centers is in the fire tower. Minimum Standards require the fire tower for skills and certification training. Specialized training such as confined space, rope rescue, and collapse training can be conducted using a fire training tower. Florida requires live-fire training as part of minimum training standards. Also, exterior props provide the basis for the car fire scenario. These scenarios are necessary for the students to graduate.

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



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To erect a fire training tower facility on East Campus that meets the requirements of F.A.C. 69a-37.060 suitable for search training, ladder training, rope rappelling, advancing hose lines, rescue drills, confined space training and rapid intervention crew training. The Fire Academy at PHSC is seeking two buildings: one for live fire and one with necessary classrooms for instruction and trainings.

To build a separate or attached facility to conduct live fire burn training on East Campus the meets both NFPA 1403 and F.A.C. 69a-37.060 suitable for holding a live fire training on East Campus.

Build or contract to be built an LP operated prop consisting of a tank and a vehicle fire prop for live-fire exercise with exterior props having a remote operation control panel for realistic live fire training.

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

The primary target population served by this project are the citizens of Pasco and Hernando Counties as well as the surrounding counties. With a Burn Center, we would offer current fire fighter advanced and specialized training courses our Career and Job Training (non-credit).

In Pasco County alone, they plan to hire at least 200 new fire fighters in the next two years. We could assist with the training if we had our own Burn Center to train cadets during the day and night academies. We presently only hold a night academy. Each academy may hold 40 cadets. We may have a total of 120 cadets per year in the Fire Academy plus training courses.

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

To continue to grow the PHSC Fire Academy. At present, we rent the Pasco County Fire's fire tower, but we can only use it in the evenings or weekends. If Pasco County Fire grows, PHSC Fire Academy may not have a place to conduct the scenario-based fires required for fire training and might need to end the Academy. In addition, each cadet in the Fire Academy must pass the necessary exams as set by the Florida Fire College to become a firefighter in Florida. To ensure our training is successful, we would want at least a 90% pass rate for each Academy. We would also like to become self-sustainable by offering our non-credit advanced and specialized training courses to assist in replenishing our consumables and supplies that were damaged quickly with overuse.

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?

The main penalty for PHSC Fire Academy at present is we may not have a Burn Center for our students in the Fire Academy to train, and the Fire Academy may need to cease offering classes until a proper Burn Center is available for our students.

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.

Pasco-County State College would be the entity who would take ownership of the facility to maintain for the future.



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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