



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2220

1. Project Title Conversion of Existing Building to use as a Full-Scale Nursing/Hospital Simulation Lab Complex

2. Senate Sponsor George Gainer

3. Date of Request 01/11/2022

4. Project/Program Description

Repurpose an existing college facility to accommodate greatly expanded enrollment capacity in training nurses/other healthcare specialists desperately needed in regional hospitals and other medical establishments. This funding will allow for the development and large scale implementation of a high fidelity patient clinical simulation facility capable of replicating clinical activity in a variety of health care facilities - from an intensive care unit (ICU) to a general practitioner's office.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	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	5,000,000	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.

None.

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

Yes



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

Gulf Coast has received \$16,838,559 in federal assistance related to COVID-19. \$6,877,694 has been disbursed directly to students with plans to provide additional student aid, and \$2,927,025 of institutional funds has been used for significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to COVID-19 and to support efforts by the college that strengthen and enhance the capabilities of public health systems to respond effectively to evolving threats and other emergencies.

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	Architectural and engineering services.	500,000
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 convert the existing 60 year old Asbell Business Building, one of the college's original buildings, to house state-of-the-art nursing simulation/training labs. Renovation of the building has been included on the college's Capital Improvement Program since 2013 (Priority #2 on the 2022-23 CIP).	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

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

Clinical sites are currently the greatest barrier to increasing the enrollment in college allied health programs. AACN now allows for up to 50% of clinical rotations to be completed in a lab setting using high fidelity patient simulators. In addition, new capacity will also allow for opportunities to bring new/established health care employees for continuing education/skills training/remediation.

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

New clinical capacity will allow for opportunities to bring new/established health care employees for continuing education/skills training/remediation and specialty certifications. The college anticipates being able to nearly double the output of nurses and many other allied health professions produced annually by the college. Direct patient interaction will be enhanced.

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



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The number of students projected to be served in the first year is 819. All citizens seeking medical care will benefit from additional trained personnel being available.

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

Public Health screening opportunities will be provided to a minimum of 500 local citizens by allied health students supervised by credentialed professional faculty. In addition, adequate medical personnel will insure timely medical appointments are made and kept. Clinical training opportunities for all students, related to mental health issues, can be practiced extensively on high fidelity patient simulators to greatly improve patient care and interaction in a real clinical setting.) ADN-RN nursing graduates will increase by 216 and RN-BSN nursing graduates will increase by 132 over current completion levels for the next 5 years. 2) EMT graduates will increase by 122, Paramedic graduates will increase by 23 over 5 years. 3) 225 RNs will take additional specialty certification training courses over 5 years. 4) Respiratory Therapy graduates will increase by 12 over 5 years. Other health science programs will have similar goals measurement benchmarks.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables related to the facility conversion/remodel would result in delays to the enrollment expansion of all Nursing programs and other Allied Health Sciences programs offered by the college, and urgently requested by regional hospitals/medical providers. Three area hospitals have discussed significant and severe nursing/personnel challenges, and a fourth hospital (new) in the service district is currently in the planning/design phase, with an anticipated opening in 2025.

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 owner and the entity are the same: Gulf Coast State College.



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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