



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1775

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Miami Dade College proposes a 45,000-square-foot STEM Center for Excellence at its Kendall Campus to prepare students for high-demand STEM careers. Focused on robotics, AI, sustainability, and more, it will offer programs like EV Technology and Mechatronics. Through advanced facilities and industry partnerships, the center will create a talent pipeline, engage 2,000 students from local schools, and support underrepresented students, addressing workforce needs in Florida's 2030 report.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Operating | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 25,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 25,000,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|-------------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 25,000,000 | 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 2025-2026 | 25,000,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01/2029

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

College Funds

11. 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.

Miami Dade College- Self.

12. 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 | | |
| 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 will prioritize adaptive design, high-speed connectivity, and sustainable systems, ensuring long-term functionality. Planning will involve zoning compliance, industry partnerships, and workforce alignment, positioning the facility to meet 2030 workforce projections and regional economic development goals. | 25,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 25,000,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the STEM Center for Excellence at Miami Dade College is to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed for high-demand STEM careers, fostering innovation and addressing workforce needs. By providing cutting-edge programs, industry partnerships, and access for underrepresented students, the center aims to develop a robust talent pipeline, drive economic growth, and prepare the next generation for transformative roles in emerging technologies.

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



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Activities and services will include offering cutting-edge STEM programs, fostering industry partnerships, providing hands-on training and modern facilities, and creating opportunities for underrepresented students. The center will focus on skill development, career readiness, and innovation to build a strong talent pipeline for high-demand STEM careers.

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

The project will offer advanced STEM education, modern facilities, hands-on training, and career programs, preparing students for high-demand STEM careers.

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

Miami Dade College STEM students

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

The project will enhance STEM education access, increase enrollment, and improve workforce readiness, particularly in high-demand fields. Outcomes will be measured through enrollment and graduation rates, job placement data, and feedback from students and industry partners.

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 in the contract?

Corrective action plans, additional reporting, or temporary suspension of activities until goals are met.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied



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- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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