



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3007

1. Project Title Saint Leo University - Nursing Program Expansion

2. Senate Sponsor Danny Burgess

3. Date of Request 3/6/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Requesting reversion of previous Saint Leo University Arena funding and reappropriation to The Saint Leo University: Nursing Program Expansion project increases the ability of the program to increase enrollment capacity through addition of renovated nursing classrooms, student and faculty space, hiring of additional faculty and staff, and enhanced teaching and learning resources.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	549,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	670,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,219,000

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)	1,219,000	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	1,219,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	740,000	58/59A	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 274,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

University or donor funds.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2026

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

University 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.

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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	Additional full-time faculty, adjunct faculty, administrative assistant, student experience coordinator, tutoring services, course development stipends to enhance delivery of teaching and learning.	444,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Nursing supplies for skills practice/demonstration and simulation room equipment. Professional development funds for faculty for curriculum development and teaching and learning strategies.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Services of an architect and design consultant to design the classroom and office spaces.	64,500
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds to renovate existing space on campus to accommodate higher nursing student enrollments (addition of three classrooms and space for additional faculty and staff).	670,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,219,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the project is to facilitate increased nursing student enrollments and student success through expansion of classrooms, student support services, and additional faculty and staff. Ultimately, the project will increase the number of nurses available for employment in Pasco County and the State of Florida.

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



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Funding will provide for:

- Addition of classrooms (in existing space) to facilitate larger class size
- Enhanced tutoring and student support resources
- Additional full-time, adjunct faculty, and support staff
- Additional equipment and supply resources
- Funds for faculty professional development
- Development of courses to support nursing student success and retention
- Addition of an executive coordinator and clinical experience coordinator to facilitate work of the program, clinical coordination, and lab and simulation coordination

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

Direct services provided to citizens include opportunity for an increase in nursing student program enrollments, ultimately resulting in an increase in the number of nurses available to serve citizens in Pasco County and the State of Florida.

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

The target population served are Saint Leo University Pre-Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing students. The project is expected to serve 51-100 students.

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

The expected outcome of the Saint Leo University: Nursing Program Expansion project is increased enrollment due to addition of classroom space and resources including additional faculty and staff. The project will also benefit enrolled students who receive additional program support. The outcome will be measured by the total number of students served by project resources.

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?

The university would return appropriate funds to the State of Florida.

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#:



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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
- ☐ 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



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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