



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1048

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

4. Project/Program Description

EFSC is requesting \$3.3 million from the state to match the \$3.3 million dollar request to Congress (via Congressman Mike Haridopolos) to provide the \$6.6 million needed to relocate and expand the educational opportunities in preventative dental care. Currently, the existing 7,000' dental area is inadequate to produce the number of dental hygienists and dental assistants needed on Florida's Space Coast. The relocation of the program into a larger available space (13,000') in another building on the same campus will allow EFSC to double if not triple the number of graduates being introduced to the workforce.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,300,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,300,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,300,000	43%
Matching Funds		
Federal	3,300,000	42%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,200,000	15%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	7,800,000	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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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?

10/05/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/02/2027

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

New revenues from additional course offerings will fund the additional administrative and personnel (faculty) expenses. Our citizens and local community health foundation will continue to provide 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.

Eastern Florida State College is a fully owned and controlled asset by the State of Florida. All funds will be exclusively used for improving the state owned facilities on the Cocoa Campus of Eastern Florida State College.

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	Architecture & Engineering (A&E) services required to include Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing (MEP). Construction services to include interior framing and finishes, Mechanical System reconstruction; Plumbing to support new restrooms and workstation water, suction, and gas; Electrical to support modern workstations and equipment.	3,300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,300,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Eastern Florida State College will be better able to provide the necessary number of graduates in the dental hygiene and dental assisting programs to help meet the critical workforce needs in dental care on Florida's Space Coast.

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

The current small size of the existing dental education programs only affords the opportunity of producing a fraction of the student graduates needed to meet the workforce needs required by the dental profession. By moving the program into a larger area in another building will allow EFSC to increase the number of students being simultaneously served resulting in doubling if not tripling the number of formally trained dental hygienists and dental assistance available to meet current workforce needs.

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

One of the excellent benefits to the community in addition to ensuring the dental profession has the trained human resources they need, is the direct dental care services this program provides to the community. The EFSC dental programs offers exceptional low and no-cost services (teeth cleanings, sealants, etc.) to the citizens, especially seniors and children who cannot afford professional dental health care. Students are able to get real hands-on experience and assure their competency and proficiency even before they graduate.

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

The entire Space Coast of Florida will greatly benefit by ensuring our many dental offices have the trained and certified human resources they need to serve their clients. Florida's Space Coast has been enjoying great success with new and expanding companies as a result of the growth our aerospace and high tech industries. Unfortunately, that growth is being impeded by not having an adequate number of dental health care professionals available to serve them.

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

There will be two objective measures which can be employed to track the success of this request. First, the number of program graduates entering the workforce is expecting to double. Second, the citizens being served by this program directly are also expected to double.

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 state always has the ability to reduce funding if a program does not serve the community as promised by college leadership.

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



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☐ 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

☐ 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



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.