



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1118

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

4. Project/Program Description

SCF requests \$5 million of a total \$16 million project cost to build a permanent structure, replacing aged portables, to house SCF's Venice Collegiate School, a public charter high school providing accelerated dual enrollment opportunities to local students. The project costs include site development and design to support a 22,000-square foot mixed use building housing classrooms, collaborative space, and administrative offices.

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	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	83%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	17%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	6,000,000	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		
2025-26	0	3,500,000	16A	No

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.

SCF's Foundation would have to privately fund raise for additional 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

1/11/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

8/14/2028

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

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Fund 1 - Unrestricted, which is sourced from legislative appropriations, General Revenue, Lottery, Special Categorical Funds, Students Fees, Interest Earnings, Transfers and Other Fees.

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.

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota and its District Board of Trustees

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	SCF requests \$5 million of a total \$16 million project cost to build a permanent structure, replacing aged portables, to house SCF's Venice Collegiate School, a public charter high school providing accelerated dual enrollment opportunities to local students. The project costs include site development and design to support a 22,000-square foot mixed use building housing classrooms, collaborative space, and administrative offices.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

In partnership with SCF, collegiate students gain access to a unique dual enrollment program that enables them to earn an associate in arts degree simultaneously with their high school diploma. Additionally, SCFCSV has articulation agreements with New College and FGCU to offer our graduates scholarships for another three years of tuition at local institutions.



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

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

The State College of Florida Collegiate School is a tuition-free public charter high school, sponsored by Sarasota County Schools. The charters are a division of the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota and offer accelerated dual enrollment allowing students to graduate with their high school diploma and associate in arts degree in the same week.

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

Local high school students, grades 9-12, up to 400 students.

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

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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?

\$1,000 per day in liquidated damages for failure to meet substantial completion.

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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