



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1257

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

AMplify @ SSC is a transformative initiative designed to reimagine workforce development and education in high-demand technical fields. This program will create and amplify advanced manufacturing innovation, talent cultivation, and industry collaboration.

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	1,562,350
Fixed Capital Outlay	60,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,622,350

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)	1,622,350	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 2026-2027	1,622,350	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

02/28/2027

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

College operational and capital 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.

Regarding the use of any fixed capital outlay funding, the District Board of Trustees of Seminole State College of Florida is the owner pursuant to section 1001.64, Florida Statutes.

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	Full-time Faculty Stipends; Part-time Faculty/Workforce Trainer Stipends; Part-time Faculty/Workforce Trainer Wages	35,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mac Pro Computers (27 @ \$12,000); Windows Computers CAD (28 @ \$10,000); Marketing materials (\$6000); Student Tuition Scholarships 150 students (60 @ \$2700/student); Industry credentials (\$58,000); CNC Machines (2@ \$20,000); Soldering tools (\$10,000); Student Internship Stipends (30 @ \$3000); Institutional Memberships (\$3000); Conference host (\$60,000); Travel (\$12,000)	1,045,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Student Success Consultants (K- 12 focus); Noncredit to Credit Success Consultants (Adult Learner focus)	482,350
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Redesign current instructional spaces	60,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,622,350

13. Program Performance

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



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AMplify @ SSC will equip students with cutting-edge skills, expose them to state-of-the-art equipment in the advanced manufacturing industry, foster innovation, and strengthen Florida's advanced manufacturing ecosystem. With state support, Seminole State will drive economic growth and workforce readiness across the region.

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

- Recruitment & Outreach: Targeted efforts to attract students and employer partners (includes marketing materials and interactive displays)
- Scholarships and Paid Internships: Financial support to remove barriers to entry and completion
- Industry Credentials: Alignment with employer-recognized certifications
- Institutional Memberships: Engagement with national manufacturing and technology networks
- Faculty Stipends/Adjunct-Workforce Trainer: Incentives for curriculum development, teaching and professional growth
- Host Conference: Host one Advanced Manufacturing conference in Seminole County
- Conference Travel: Exposure to emerging trends and best practices are incorporated into the curriculum
- Reimagined workspaces: Classroom and lab refresh, including alumni and industry partner spotlights

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

Educational programming across multiple disciplines via college credit and non-credit programs:

- Engineering Technology: Robotics and Automation
- Information Technology: Artificial Intelligence, Network and Connect
- Digital Media: Additive Manufacturing (3D Printing)
- Trades: Welding
- Automotive: EV and AV programming
- STEM: Business Information Management (BIM)—Digital Analytics; STEM certificate
- Construction: Computer-Aided Design (CAD)
- Non-Credit Offerings

To increase access and flexibility, AMplify @ SSC will offer short-term and industry credentials and certifications that align with industry needs and articulates to college credit.

- AI Certificate Program
- Soldering
- Quality control
- Cybersecurity
- MSSC Certified Production Technician (CPT)

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

Our target population will be individuals interested in a career in advanced manufacturing and current employers in the industry. We expect to serve 200 students / community members over the two year project.

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

The primary outcomes of the AMplify @ SSC initiative is to:

- Equip students with cutting-edge skills in advanced manufacturing and related technical fields.
- Foster innovation through modernized curriculum and industry-aligned certifications.
- Strengthen Central Florida's advanced manufacturing ecosystem by preparing a skilled workforce.
- Drive regional economic growth and workforce readiness through strategic partnerships and expanded educational offerings.

Methodology for Measuring Outcomes

The proposal will use several methods for evaluating success:

1. Enrollment and Completion Metrics
2. Credential Attainment
3. Employment and Internship Placement
4. Industry Engagement
5. Student Support
6. Curriculum Innovation

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?



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The reversal of funds for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract.

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
- ☐ 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.



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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

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