



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1325

1. Project Title Marion Technical College - Plumbing, CDL, Electricity 1 & Electrical Apprenticeship Building

2. Senate Sponsor Stan McClain

3. Date of Request 11/20/2025

#### 4. Project/Program Description

The funds will support the construction of a 7,000 sq. ft. facility featuring three classrooms and labs for new Plumbing & Electricity 1 programs. Electricity 1 will serve as a pipeline into the Electrical Apprenticeship Program, utilizing the space during evening hours. Commercial Driving will have access to a classroom during the day and, with upgraded lighting, will offer night classes for the first time.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

#### 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)	3,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? No

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?

11/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/15/2027

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

District 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.

The School Board of Marion County for Marion Technical College

#### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Startup equipment, furniture, technology and supplies for the new program and new classrooms/labs.	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a new 7,000 sq. ft. facility with three classrooms, three lab areas, site prep, planning, hookup to utilities, parking lot, exterior lighting and a water retention area.	2,750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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

The funds will support the construction of a 7,000 sq. ft. facility featuring three classrooms and labs for new Plumbing & Electricity 1 programs. Electricity 1 will serve as a pipeline into the Electrical Apprenticeship Program, utilizing the space during evening hours. Commercial Driving will have access to a classroom during the day and, with upgraded lighting, will offer night classes for the first time.

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



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Marion Technical College will deliver education and training in Plumbing, Commercial Driving, Electricity 1, and Electrical Apprenticeship programs to equip new and current students with the skills needed to support the workforce demands of Marion, Citrus, and Levy counties.

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

Marion Technical College will provide educational opportunities in high-demand programs, as identified by labor market data, to citizens of Marion County and across Florida. This investment in developing a skilled workforce will strengthen Marion County's economy while delivering broad benefits to Central Florida and the state as a whole.

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

The target population would be high school students, employed adults seeking skilled-labor careers, college students, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth and the homeless. This project will serve approximately 200 students per year.

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

A new 7,000-square-foot facility with three classrooms and three labs will enable Marion Technical College to launch Plumbing and Electricity 1 programs. The expanded space will also support growth of the Commercial Driving and Electrical Apprenticeship programs, which have outgrown their current portable classrooms. Marion Technical College will evaluate program success by tracking graduate completion rates, job placements, and the attainment of industry-recognized certifications and credentials.

**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?**

Return the funds to the State.

**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:**



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**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**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**



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d. Phone Number

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