



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1326

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Funds would be utilized to renovate and remodel 23,540 GSF of existing classrooms and labs and add approximately 1,800 SF. This project will enhance academic programming by modernizing teaching spaces and adding hands-on technology in multidisciplinary fabrication labs. It will rededicate spaces for foundational credit earning courses, providing students with a cutting edge academic experience. The creation of a flexible and modern teaching and training center will support enrollment growth through improved space utilization and allow SF to meet regional industry demand by expanding programs with identified occupational need while building capacity for future program development.

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	11,966,804
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>11,966,804</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)	11,966,804	90%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,279,250	10%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>13,246,054</b>	<b>100%</b>

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/01/2028

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

SF has completed the initial phase of design that is funded by the College. Construction will begin in early 2026 and is slated to be completed by fall 2026. Design for the second phase begin in fall 2025 and is under way.

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovation and remodel of classrooms and labs. Modernization of existing teaching spaces. Adds hands-on technology in multidisciplinary fabrication labs. Includes deferred maintenance repairs with programmatic goals.	11,966,804
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>11,966,804</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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(1) Expand instructional areas to create contemporary, collaborative teaching spaces for academic programs; (2) Enhance existing space to grow teaching and learning opportunities by combining student work with individual and small group spaces that integrate cross-disciplinary exposure and collaboration; (3) Modernize equipment and technology to ensure students have access to the latest tools and software essential to develop 21st century innovation skills for contemporary art practices, including a state of the art Fabrication Space.

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

Offer classes and workshops in various disciplines, fostering skill development that is transferable to subjects such as math, science, and language. Collaboration between faculty, students and the public, enriching the learning experience and fostering community engagement. Contributing locally to education, with outreach initiatives to under served populations and K-12 schools in the area.

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

Access to expanded learning opportunities through larger and better-equipped education spaces, leading to improved skill development and creative output; enhanced opportunities for students to gain educational exposure and valuable real-world experience in showcasing their work; access to modern technology and equipment to prepare students for the digital age; and workforce development through exposure to state of the art technologies that bolster job placement and events that provide for business networking.

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

The project will serve approximately 2,500 students on an annual basis across multiple credit earning programs. All SF students will also have access to the fabrication lab, and the general public will benefit from hosted events at the facility. Specifically, this project targets academic programs with identified regional occupational need, such as graphic design, multimedia production and project management.

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

This project would facilitate skill building and workforce development. It will increase student enrollment and provide a high-tech platform for collaboration with campus and community partners. SF anticipates improved student achievement due to increased access to state-of-the-art facilities, leading to higher graduation rates and post-graduation success, and greater community engagement. These outcomes will be measured by tracking enrollment and student success during coursework and after graduation, local economic impact studies, and the documentation of projects, exhibitions, events, workshops and partnerships.

**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?**

Failure to meet deliverables would result in a return of funding 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



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- ☐ 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.

#### 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



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☐ 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.*