



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1459

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Facility expansion on TSC property in Gadsden County adding approximately 8000 sf for four programs: First, an increase in the number of residents obtaining GED credentials. Second, expand healthcare education programs which will produce students with an industry certification and immediate employability. Third, grow the HVAC program to meet employer demand. Fourth, replicate a successful Leon County program for students with intellectual disabilities in Gadsden to obtain employment credentials.

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 | 790,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 7,210,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 8,000,000 |

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) | 8,000,000 | 65% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 2,800,000 | 23% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 1,500,000 | 12% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 | 12,300,000 | 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 | 2,822,500 | 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.

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?

09/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/01/2027

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

Continuing operating expenses for the new building and related programs will be funded by revenue generated by increased student enrollment.

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 |
|--|--|------------------|
| 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 | Instructional staff for healthcare professions are in high-demand particularly in remote Gadsden County and TSC would require additional financial support to recruit and retain qualified individuals to provide instruction. | 550,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | In order to overcome financial barriers of students and improve economic mobility students would benefit from transportation and childcare vouchers to secure support services in the community. This greatly improves attendance and economic mobility outcomes. | 240,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Construction of additional 8,360 square foot building at the TSC Gadsden Center with 4 classrooms, 1 laboratory, and 1 instructional office. Includes architect and engineering fees, construction manager, land clearing, building construction with high technology classrooms and laboratory space, parking requirements and access improvements. | 7,210,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 8,000,000 |

13. Program Performance

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



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

These funds will be used to construct a new approximately 8000 sf building on the TSC main campus, for expansion of the HVAC and healthcare programs and for GED classes and a program for adults with intellectual disabilities that will lead to employment credentials.

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

These programs will provide educational opportunity to citizens in the region and will make high-wage and high-demand jobs available to them. it will produce qualified individuals to fulfill a great need in the community. Gadsden 20% are in poverty; 21% aged 25+ don't have high school degree/GED. With GED avg wage increase is \$700/month (US Census). HVAC is second highest paying blue collar job in Florida (CBT.edu). Average HVAC salary in Gadsden is \$53,000 (NBLS). HVAC and healthcare are top 30 job in MSA (FLChamber, indeed.com) This expansion will allow TSC to serve more individuals.

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

Expansion of the TSC Gadsden Center will serve individuals looking for stable careers with potential for high wages (average \$53,000).

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

Training students to enter high-wage and high-demand jobs in the region; increase number of GED completers to improve economic opportunity; and provide job skills for adults with intellectual disabilities. Track the number of students enrolled in the programs, graduates and employment data.

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?

If metrics are not met, funding may be delayed.

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



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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

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

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| a. Name | <input type="text" value="Carlecia Collins"/> |
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| c. E-mail Address | <input type="text" value="carlecia.collins@gray-robinson.com"/> |
| d. Phone Number | <input type="text" value="(850)577-9090"/> |

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