



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1552

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

4. Project/Program Description

This funding will allow the College to expand its existing, high-demand welding program by renovating an existing adjacent space on North Florida College's main campus in Madison, FL. The welding program is currently operating at capacity and is running both day and night classes to serve the College's six-county service district of Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, and Taylor counties. Expansion is critical to meet statewide need and to admit students currently waitlisted.

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 | 385,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 385,000 |

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) | 385,000 | 56% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 300,000 | 44% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 | 685,000 | 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 | | |
| | | | | |

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?

08/31/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

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

Tuition, Capital Improvement Fees, Annual Appropriated State 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.

N/A - Renovation of existing building owned by the North Florida College 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 | Renovation of a building to expand the College's existing high-demand welding program on North Florida College's main campus in Madison, FL. | 385,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 385,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

Welding is a high-wage, high-demand field, and this funding will allow the College to expand the existing high-demand welding lab space to accommodate the demand for the program.

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

Renovation of a facility allowing for expanded instruction of a high-demand workforce program.

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



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Education - This renovation will expand a high-demand workforce education program will be offered to the citizens of Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, and Taylor counties.

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

Citizens in North Florida College's six-county service district - Jefferson, Taylor, Madison, Lafayette, Hamilton, and Suwannee counties - are the target population. This project will allow for sixty-three (63) more students to enroll in the college's welding program per academic year. This program will operate Fall, Spring, and Summer terms and will operate night and day classes and will provide certificates in Welding Technology and Advanced Welding Technology.

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

This Legislative Appropriation will allow North Florida College to expand high-demand workforce program offerings for many years into the future. The welding program is a high-wage program that will provide highly qualified workers to the the College's service district and throughout the State of Florida.

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?

Funds spent inappropriately would be repaid 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):

Hurricanes Idalia, Debby, and Helene

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



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☒ 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
d. Phone Number



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