



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1768

1. Project Title Florida SouthWestern State College - Equipping Applied Science Laboratories - Multiple Campuses

2. Senate Sponsor Jonathan Martin

3. Date of Request 12/1/2025

4. Project/Program Description

This request provides funding to outfit FSW's applied technology laboratories across multiple campuses with modern equipment, technology, and furnishings. The investment will enhance programs in agrotechnology, non-invasive cardiovascular technology, robotics, engineering technology, and biomedical sciences through state-of-the-art, hands-on training spaces.

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	2,580,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,580,000

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)	2,580,000	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	2,580,000	100%

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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	Funds will cover lab equipment, instructional technology, software, furnishings, and supplies to outfit applied technology labs across multiple FSW campuses. These labs will support programs in agrotechnology, engineering technology, and biomedical sciences, giving students access to state-of-the-art, industry standard training environments that align with regional workforce needs.	2,580,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,580,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will outfit applied technology laboratories with advanced equipment and instructional technology, creating state-of-the-art spaces that support hands-on training in agrotechnology, non-invasive cardiovascular technology, robotics, engineering technology, and biomedical sciences. The goal is to prepare students for high-demand, high-wage careers in SWFL.

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



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The funds will equip applied technology labs across campuses with robotics systems, biomedical devices, precision agriculture tools, automation trainers, GIS software, and modern furnishings. Services include hands-on workforce training, dual enrollment pathways, and applied learning experiences aligned with employer needs.

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

Citizens will gain direct access to modern applied technology labs and equipment at multiple FSW campuses, offering hands-on training in agrotechnology, robotics, engineering technology, biomedical sciences, and non-invasive cardiovascular technology. Services include certificates, degrees, and workforce programs that prepare students for high-wage, high-demand jobs in SWFL.

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

The target population includes college students, dual enrolled students, recent high school graduates, and adult learners across Southwest Florida. The project will serve a substantial number of individuals by expanding access to applied technology and workforce programs.

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

The project will expand applied technology programs across multiple campuses, improving the quality of education with state-of-the-art labs in agrotechnology, non-invasive cardiovascular technology, robotics, engineering technology, and biomedical sciences, while strengthening the regional workforce and boosting economic growth. Outcomes will be measured through growth in enrollment, graduation, and credential attainment in targeted programs, job placement rates, and employer satisfaction.

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 of appropriated funds.

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



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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