



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1901

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

As the fastest growing state college in the Florida College System for two years in a row, physical space on campus is at a premium and existing available space has been prioritized for classrooms. By saving a 17,000 sq ft building currently identified for demolition, LSSC is able to renovate and repurpose this facility into a student-focused facility. This project will include renovation of the structure, asbestos abatement, HVAC updates, and improvements that would all the building to be used for student-focused functions.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	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	2,000,000	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?

11/01/2026

##### d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/31/2027

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

Annual Operating funds from the Florida Legislature

#### 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.

Board of Trustees, Lake-Sumter State 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	These funds will support phase one of this project, bringing Building #6 up to current standards through essential infrastructure improvements; roof replacement, HVAC system upgrades, asbestos abatement, and interior wall removal.	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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

The project includes renovation of the structure, asbestos abatement, HVAC updates, and improvements that would allow the building to be used for: student life space for our fast-growing student population, construction of much-needed classroom space, space for our on-campus clubs and organizations, a venue for our emerging E-Sports teams, food service area for students, and office space for student life advisors and the Student Government Association.

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



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These funds will support phase one of this project, bringing Building #6 up to current standards through essential infrastructure improvements: roof replacement, HVAC system upgrades, asbestos abatement, and interior wall removal. Subsequent phases will focus on building out specialized spaces designed to enhance academic programming and student engagement.

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

This renovation will directly serve Florida citizens by transforming our library into a comprehensive student success center. The enhanced facility will provide expanded classroom access and dedicated spaces for student organizations and activities. Our research confirms that engaged students achieve higher grades, persist through completion, and graduate on time, delivering better-prepared graduates to Florida's workforce.

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

The target population is Lake and Sumter Counties. As the fastest growing college in the FCS for two straight years, Lake-Sumter currently serves 11,500 students each year and continues to expand its enrollment to serve additional learners throughout the community.

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

We believe that this project will support our improving enrollment and retention rates. We will measure success through our overall success metrics (semester-to-semester persistence, number of engaged students on campus, graduation rates, course pass rates). Additionally, we'll monitor space utilization rates and seek input from students in the Student Government Association. These metrics will demonstrate how invested state dollars directly translate to more Florida citizens earning degrees and entering the workforce prepared.

**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 would need to be returned or repaid for failing to meet the deliverables.

**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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