



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1910

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Lake Technical College is a public, postsecondary charter career center established in 1967. In 2004 Lake Tech became a conversion charter career center. LTC offers over 30 workforce training programs that lead to certification and/or licensure in a year or less. Enrollment is at full capacity & overall organizational effectiveness is stellar with 89% program completion & 90% job placement. There is a critical need for expansion in the south county to meet the job demand. The funds will be used to renovate over 50,000 sq. ft. of buildings and additional campus space to provide workforce training in high demand targeted occupations as defined by DEO. Sectors identified include Healthcare, EMS, Architecture & Construction, Semiconductor, and IT. All programs include industry recognized certifications and seamlessly articulate to advanced education and stackable credentials. This location will train thousands needed to meet local workforce demands in targeted occupations.

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	3,700,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,700,000

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)	3,700,000	28%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	8,901,028	66%
Local	837,132	6%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	13,438,160	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	4,900,000	23B	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.



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LTC has already received a state grant for phase one of this project (underway) and a local allocation from Lake County government to go toward phase two. The college will continue to seek additional grants and funding sources to reduce the need for additional future-year funding requests.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2026

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

Due to the size of the project this is a phased approach. Dates above are for phase one. Lake Technical College is a conversion charter career center sponsored by the Lake County School District. Some of the major building maintenance will be covered by the Lake County School District as owners of the building. The state workforce funding and tuition will be used for ongoing operations.

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.

Lake Technical College is a conversion charter career center sponsored by the Lake County School District. Lake Technical College Board of Directors will have full governance and control over the building, although the Lake County School District owns the building. As a result, Lake Technical College does not directly receive fixed capital outlay funding to assist with growth or expansion needs.

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:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	The funds will be used to renovate over 50,000 sq. ft. of buildings and additional campus space to add an additional location to provide workforce training in high demand targeted occupations as defined by DEO.	3,700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,700,000

13. Program Performance

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

Increased workforce training for the region. The funds will be used to renovate over 50,000 sq. ft. of buildings and additional campus space to provide workforce training in high demand targeted occupations as defined by DEO. Sectors identified include Healthcare, EMS, Architecture & Construction, Semiconductor, and Information Technology. All programs include industry recognized certifications and seamlessly articulate to advanced education and stackable credentials. This location will train thousands needed to meet local workforce demand

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

Education and training in high-demand career sectors in order to develop a skilled workforce and train current workers in required updates and advanced credentials. This facility will also provide proctored tests for in demand certifications and career services for jobseekers. Ultimately the entire region, including employers (business and industry) and citizens will benefit from training and services offered, having a significant positive impact on economic growth and development.

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

Workforce education opportunities and the development of a much-needed skilled workforce in high demand career sectors with a large number of annual regional job openings. Advanced/specialized training for skilled professionals in order to increase their skills and wages earned. Employers will benefit from skilled workforce to fill their critical needs, and potential employees will obtain training needed to become self-sufficient. Ultimately this impacts the entire region with positive economic impact.

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

Lake Technical College currently serves postsecondary students, including dual enrolled high school students in the region for medium to high wage career training opportunities. This project will allow for additional training space in south Lake County and will serve population in the Central Florida region to include groups such as jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, high school students, and university students. Thousands of individuals will be served via this facility.

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

Improved quality of education and expanded training - additional training space at a modern facility will allow training for skilled professionals in high demand career sectors such as: Healthcare, EMS, Architecture & Construction, Information Technology, and Semiconductor and will allow for greater access than the single location in north Lake County. Measured by tracking the number of graduates, placement into jobs, number of graduates with industry recognized certifications and credentials.

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 funds to the state.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☐ No

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)



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- ☐ 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:

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



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- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☒ Other (please specify) Non-profit 501 (c) 3 public post-secondary school

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.