



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1934

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Valencia College requests \$15,001,464 to complete the funding for a much-needed second building for the Lake Nona Campus, which has already grown to serve more than 1,500 FTE in a single building. The new building will support additional degree and certificate programs that will meet growing workforce demands in Orange and Osceola counties, preparing students for high-skill, high-wage careers that are in high demand in advanced manufacturing, technology, and healthcare, and will support state STEM initiatives. The funds will also support a remodel of 6,000 SF of Building 1 to refurbish labs and student support spaces.

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               | 15,001,464        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>15,001,464</b> |

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)       | 15,001,464        | 59%         |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                   |             |
| Federal  | 0                 | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 8,000,000         | 32%         |
| Local  | 2,146,934         | 9%          |
| Other  | 0                 | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b> | <b>25,148,398</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | Nonrecurring |                             |        |
| 2024-25                  | 0         | 3,000,000    | 17                          | 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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## 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/31/2028

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

Student tuition and fees revenue; operating support funds for the Florida College System as allocated by 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.

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### 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                      | All funds will be expended on planning, design, survey and construction. | 15,001,464        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |  | <b>15,001,464</b> |

### 13. Program Performance

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

These funds will support a much-needed second building for the Lake Nona Campus, which has already grown to serve more than 1,500 FTE. The building will support new degree and certificate programs that will meet the demands of the growing workforce in Orange and Osceola counties, preparing students for high-skill, high-wage careers that are in high demand in advanced manufacturing, technology, and healthcare, and will support state STEM initiatives.

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



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Construction of classroom and lab spaces to be used for training citizens for high-demand, high-skill, high-wage jobs in technology, advanced manufacturing, and healthcare occupations. This new building will also support increased participation by dual enrollment students from Lake Nona High School located on the property adjacent to Valencia's Lake Nona Campus.

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

Creation of new jobs during the construction phase. Once completed, training of approximately 3,500 additional students annually in science, technology, engineering, and mathematical areas foundational to high-demand, high-skill, high-wage jobs in advanced manufacturing, technology, healthcare and other STEM fields.

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

The target population for this project includes college students, high school students, jobless persons, and economically disadvantaged individuals. The addition of a second building at the Lake Nona Campus is expected to serve an additional 3,500 students each year.

**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 create additional capacity at the Lake Nona Campus to reduce enrollment bottlenecks overall. This will increase enrollment at the Lake Nona Campus, increase enrollment in workforce programs, increase the number of graduates, and reduce the over-utilization of facilities. This will be measured by: number of students enrolled overall; number of students enrolled at Lake Nona Campus; number of students enrolled in workforce programs; number of graduates in workforce programs; more acceptable facilities utilization rates.

**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?**

Valencia College can provide assurance that the project will meet its deliverables and performance measures through effective procurement and pre-selection processes, strong project management, and if needed, strict contract language that withholds payment for outcomes that do not meet standards.

**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#:**



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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.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name



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| b. Firm Name      | <input type="text" value="Oak Strategies LLC"/>     |
| c. E-mail Address | <input type="text" value="rob@oak-strategies.com"/> |
| d. Phone Number   | <input type="text" value="(904)994-4847"/>          |

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