



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1991

1. Project Title Hillsborough College Southshore Workforce Education Center

2. Senate Sponsor Jim Boyd

3. Date of Request 12/12/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Establish a Workforce Education Center (WEC) to provide education and economic development opportunities for South Hills. Co. The center will meet critical demands; as the surrounding areas have reported 24% growth in the total population and 42% growth in 9-12 grade students between 2015 and 2020. The facility will mediate critical instructional space shortages and function as a comprehensive training center for high wage careers in the healthcare, business, and technology fields.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	56%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,000,000	33%
Other	1,000,000	11%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	9,000,000	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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 32,000,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

The funding stream used for ongoing operations and maintenance would be the college's operating budget where we currently pay for operations and maintenance of our buildings.



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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?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2029

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

The funding stream used for ongoing operations and maintenance would be the college's operating budget where we currently pay for operations and maintenance of our buildings.

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
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	\$5,000,000 will be used for planning, design and engineering for the Workforce Center.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The WEC will provide workforce training and job placement services for high wage occupations, as well as a space for large-scale training and professional development opportunities for local industry. The WEC will offer a full scope of student services, including advising, financial aid, veterans' services, counseling and career resource.

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



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

The WEC will be a multi-function, multi-use space for instruction, workforce training, local stakeholder development, and community events and programming. The WEC will also serve as a hub for high-value, non-profit agencies to increase public access to services like job placement, food and nutrition support, and childcare

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

Elderly persons, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at risk youth, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, veterans, grade school students, high school students, university/college students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons.

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

The center will provide instructional space for more training programs in business, computers and technology, and healthcare and provide dedicate space for veteran support services for veterans seeking training or education. HCC's enterprise resource system will track performance data for each student including: (1) certifications, degrees or licenses earned, (2) career placement, (3) rate of transfer to advanced education or training.

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?

Reversal of funding

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

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

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