



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1567

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Gateway Collegiate Academy will be a charter CTE High School located on the Columbia County campus of Florida Gateway College. The mission of the Florida Gateway Collegiate Academy is to provide superior instruction, nurture individual development and prepare high school students with an innovative combination of secondary and post-secondary education. The Academy serves motivated students intent on earning college CTE credentials in conjunction with a high school diploma. The charter CTE academy for high school students will give them the opportunity to earn their high school diploma, Associate of Science Degree, and up to 7 technical certificates in career-ready technical fields. Funds are requested to construct a 14,000 sq ft. dedicated facility for the CTE charter academy. This facility will open for fall enrollment in 2026.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	7,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	7,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	7,500,000	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 2024-2025	7,500,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future 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.**



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

13. 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: Other		
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	Construction of building, approximately 14,000 sq ft.	7,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

The charter CTE academy for high school students will give them the opportunity to earn their high school diploma, Associate of Science Degree, and up to 7 technical certificates in career-ready technical fields.

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

The Florida Gateway Collegiate Academy will improve the quality of education in Columbia County by offering high school students a High School Diploma, Associates of Science Degree, and an opportunity to earn up to 7 technical certificates. In turn, those graduates will contribute to the in-demand CTE workforce needs of the surrounding communities.

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

The number of students enrolled in Florida Gateway Collegiate Academy will measure the outcome. 75 high school students (grade 9) are projected to be enrolled in the first year of the program and 300 high school students (grades 9-12) are projected to be enrolled by Year 4, and year thereafter.

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

Increase number of high school diplomas, industry certifications, workforce credentials, and degrees earned by high school students and community members and fill in-demand workforce needs in a variety of fields, such as Automotive, Criminal Justice, Water Resources, Horticulture, HVAC, Nursing Assistant, Cyber Security and more. Florida Gateway College can track employment and hiring metrics within the community.

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 the contract?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in a return of funds for administering agency.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number