



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2303

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

These funds are for the remodel of old healthcare education classrooms into fifteen high-technology lab classrooms that will serve STEM disciplines, particularly new A.S. degrees in cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. Subsequent recurring funding is requested to provide quality instructional staff for these programs.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	390,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	18,590,716
Total State Funds Requested	18,980,716

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)	18,980,716	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	18,980,716	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future 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.

We request \$390,000 recurring funding to recruit and retain instructors in this highly competitive market.

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.



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The College received \$49 million in federal assistance. All funds were expended in three areas: physical safety (air quality projects, cleaning and hygiene), continuity of instruction (technology purchases for instruction and communication) and support for students (direct funds to students for tuition and fees, or for economic hardships such as medical or housing). More than half of the funds were provided directly to students.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

September 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 2024

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.

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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	Instructional staff for information technology professions are in high-demand and require additional financial support to recruit and retain qualified individuals to provide instruction.	390,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Remodel existing building on the TCC main campus to converting 29,838 sf into 15 STEM classroom labs. The project budget includes planning, architectural and engineering services, required permits and inspections and construction. The construction project includes a reconfiguration of space, HVAC ductwork, electrical, upgrade air handlers, installation of AV equipment, technology, and furniture.	18,590,716
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		18,980,716

14. Program Performance

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



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Create 15 STEM lab classrooms that will serve A.S. degree programs including Network and Computer Systems Administration, Cybersecurity, and Artificial Intelligence. These programs must be taught in a secure and technologically advanced environment in order to provide the best preparation for the workforce.

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

Remodel existing building on the TCC main campus to convert 29,838 sf into 15 STEM classroom labs. The project budget includes planning, architectural and engineering services, required permits and inspections and construction. The construction project includes a reconfiguration of space, HVAC ductwork, electrical, upgrade air handlers, installation of AV equipment, technology, and furniture.

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

These programs will provide employment opportunities for students in high-wage and high-demand fields. It will provide immediate economic impact to our students as well as meet regional hiring demands in these fields.

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

The target population are students and future students in the Network and Computer Systems Administration, Cybersecurity, and Artificial Intelligence AS degree program at TCC. This 2-year program provides a great opportunity to obtain valuable skills and credentials for high-demand, high-wage jobs. This will provide economic mobility and financial stability for participants.

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

Provide robust A.S. degree programs; an increase in the number of students earning an AS degree as measured by participants and successful completions. This initiative will also provide employment opportunities and economic mobility as measured by job placements.

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?

All outcomes have quantitative metrics that could be included in a contract. Our ultimate goal is student participation, completion and employment.

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)
- Local Entity



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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