

**The Florida House of Representatives**  
**Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2022-23**  
For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Polk State College - Expansion of Critical Health Sciences Programs
2. Date of Submission: 11/17/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Colleen Burton

**4. Details of Amount Requested:**

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2021-22 <small>(If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</small>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2022-23 <small>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</small>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b>
Input Amounts:					5,000,000	5,000,000

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2022-23 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request	5,000,000	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal	0	0.0%	No
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local	0	0.0%	No

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5. Other	0	0.0%	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

5. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Education

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

Reporting and penalties should be consistent with those outlined for operational appropriations.

7. Requester:

a. Name: Angela Falconetti

b. Organization: Polk State College

c. Email: agarciafalconetti@polk.edu

d. Phone #: (863)297-1098

8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

a. Name: Allen Bottorff

b. Organization: Polk State College

c. Email: abottorff@polk.edu

d. Phone #: (863)297-1081

9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

a. Name: Derek A. Whitis

b. Firm: Whitis Consulting LLC

c. Email: courtney@whitisconsulting.com

d. Phone #: (850)385-5911

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

a. Name: Polk State College

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- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Polk  
 c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Polk

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

Polk State is seeking \$5 million to expand its Health Sciences workforce degree and certificate programs in areas including Nursing, Respiratory Care, Radiography, Cardiovascular Technology, and more. Funds will be invested in simulation equipment and instructional aids to supplement clinical experiences, along with renovations and improvements to existing spaces to accommodate student instruction.

13. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment to simulate clinical experiences for Polk State Health Sciences students including beds, IV poles, simulation manikins, associated software and licensing, and laptop and desktop computers. Additional hands-on teaching aids to facilitate instruction in workforce training programs.	4,500,000
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovations and enhancements of existing spaces are critical to creating functional simulation labs and additional hands-on classrooms for these growing programs.	500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

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15. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

16. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

No

17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

The need for skilled professionals in health care has been documented extensively, specifically by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Regional Demand Occupations List data for Polk County, which shows that between 2020 and 2028, job growth in the areas of health care will be significant.

18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Regional Demand Occupations List data shows that by 2028, Polk County is projected to need an additional 4,788 registered nurses. These operational support funds will allow the College to expand Health Sciences programs to begin to keep pace with the demand for skilled healthcare professionals.

b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Operational support will be invested in additional simulation and instructional equipment to support more students in both classroom and lab settings. Funds will also be used for renovation of existing facilities to accommodate additional students and create effective spaces for simulation laboratories.

c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups"). Select all that apply to the target population:

Elderly persons

Persons with poor mental health

Persons with poor physical health

Jobless persons

Economically disadvantaged persons

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- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

19. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Regional Demand Occupations List data for Polk County shows that between 2020	Increasing the number of graduates in the area of Health Sciences.

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	and 2028, job growth in the area of health care will be significant. The need for skilled graduates to fill these positions is critical.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Operational support will be invested in additional highly-skilled faculty and high-quality equipment to serve students.	Measurements will be based on the performance measures including Completion Rate, Retention Rate, and Job Placement/Continuing Education Rate. Additionally, performance for some academic pathways can be measured through the increase in industry certifications.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Economic activity is driven by investment and the availability of a skilled workforce. Operational support will provide the opportunity for Polk State to produce more Health Sciences	Measurements will be based on performance measures including Wages and Job Placement/Continuing Education rates, combined with feedback

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	<p>graduates to fill current and future critical workforce needs. This provides an attractive environment for businesses seeking to expand or locate in Polk County.</p>	<p>from industry partners.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism</p>		
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities</p>	<p>Enrollment in Health Sciences programs is limited by the accrediting bodies' faculty-to-student ratio. Operational support will be used to add additional faculty and support personnel for the purpose of expanding enrollment in Health Sciences programs.</p>	<p>Measurement will be the number of positions created.</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency</p>	<p>In Polk County, 14.5% of individuals ages 18-64 and 24,7% of children under 18 years of age live in poverty. Individuals who graduate with degrees in the field of Health Sciences are eligible and prepared for employment in high-demand, high-wage jobs, and have the opportunity to improve their quality of life.</p>	<p>Measurements will be based on performance measures including Wages and Job Placement/Continuing Education rates.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism</p>		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		