

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 - Northeast Ridge Phase I
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 <i>(If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2022-23 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds
Input Amounts:					13,800,000	13,800,000

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	13,800,000	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
TOTAL	13,800,000	100%	

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

Yes

a. How much state funding would be requested after 2022-23 over the next 5 years?

- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- >= 5 years

c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select “ongoing activity”.

- Ongoing activity – no total cost
- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

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.

Penalties should be consistent with those outlined for fixed capital outlay projects.

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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
- 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?

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The Polk State Northeast Ridge campus is located in one of the fastest growing areas of the state and will increase access to higher education for stakeholders in Haines City, Davenport, Poinciana, and the Four Corners region. In particular, this will allow for the growth of high-demand workforce programs including those in the areas of Health Sciences and Logistics, and will provide access to the general coursework for the Associate in Arts degree program.

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering and design work, site clearing, site preparation.	13,800,000
TOTAL		13,800,000

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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)

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?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

Polk State College District Board of Trustees (DBOT) has listed the Northeast Ridge project as the College's number two priority for PECO funding. The DBOT's funding priorities are ratified each year upon their approval of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Summary. This was done at the DBOT's regular board meeting on June 28, 2021.

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:

Polk State has completed numerous independent studies including the most recent Regional Needs and Community Needs Assessments completed by Hanover Research in February 2021 and July 2021, respectively. Both studies document the continued growth in the number of college-aged individuals in the area surrounding the project.

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?

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The proposed development will house education and training facilities to support workforce programs with a particular emphasis on Health Sciences and the general education coursework for the Associate in Arts degrees.

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

The Northeast Ridge Campus would provide opportunities and space to expand simulation for instruction, dedicated laboratory space and skilled personnel to program simulators, manage lab set ups, and provide for student engagement – currently not feasible in Polk State’s older, smaller lab spaces. This will alleviate pressures on clinical scheduling and facilitate time to completion.

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
- 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

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- 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 and 2028, job growth in the area of health care will be significant. The need for skilled graduates to fill these positions is critical.	Increasing the number of graduates in the area of Health Sciences.
<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	This project will provide a state-of-the-art facility that will enhance the classroom and learning experience for Polk State 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

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		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. This project will provide a facility to educate and train graduates to fill current and future critical workforce needs, providing an attractive environment for businesses seeking to expand or locate in Polk County.	Measurements will be based on performance measures including Wages and Job Placement/Continuing Education rates, combined with feedback from industry partners and local employers.
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	This project is a complete College campus and will require faculty, Academic Support Services, Student Support Services, and General Support Services for operation.	Measurement will be the number of additional positions created.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	This project will provide a location where students can earn workforce degrees and certificates that prepare them for	Measurements will be based on performance measures including Wages and Job Placement/Continuing Education

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	high-wage, high-demand careers. This is particularly critical in Polk County, where 14.5% of individuals ages 18-64 live in poverty.	rates.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<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):		