

## 2026-2027

### North Florida College Innovation Fund Grant

The North Florida College Foundation is pleased to announce the 2025–2026 College Enhancement Fund Grant program. This program supports projects that advance the College’s Strategic Plan by strengthening **student success, academic quality, engagement, access, and institutional effectiveness**.

Grant funds support initiatives that fall **outside the College’s normal operating budget** and are designed to enhance the academic environment and student experience. Funding is provided through the Foundation’s endowment and general funds and is made possible by private contributions from donors who invest in student achievement and institutional excellence at North Florida College.

Applicants must select **one** funding category that best aligns with the intended impact of their project.

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#### Strategic Funding Categories

##### **Category 1: Academic Enhancement**

Supports projects that advance **academic quality, learning outcomes, completion, and workforce preparation**. Projects should demonstrate clear alignment with strategic goals related to instructional effectiveness, student success, and academic innovation.

Examples of strategic impact include:

- Improving learning environments or instructional delivery
- Supporting student success, persistence, or completion
- Enhancing academic engagement or workforce readiness
- Piloting academic initiatives that strengthen outcomes

##### **Category 2: Student Life Enhancement**

Supports projects that strengthen **student engagement, access, belonging, and campus experience**, contributing to improved retention and persistence.

Examples of strategic impact include:

- Increasing student engagement and participation
- Enhancing access to services or resources that support success
- Supporting student connection, belonging, or well-being
- Initiatives that positively influence enrollment, retention, or satisfaction

#### Funding Criteria and Strategic Priorities

All applications must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ Requests must fall **outside normal College operating expenses** and may not include routine supplies, standard equipment, or recurring operational costs.
- ❖ Projects must demonstrate **direct benefit to North Florida College students** and measurable alignment with one or more strategic priorities.
- ❖ Multi-year projects must demonstrate sustainability beyond the grant period.
- ❖ Applications must be approved by the applicant’s **direct supervisor** and the appropriate **Vice President or President**.
- ❖ No other funding source is available for the proposed project.
- ❖ Funds may not be used for the personal benefit of individual faculty or staff members.

- ❖ Funding will not be provided for:
  - Political or lobbying activities
  - Personal research
  - Scholarships
  - Religion-related activities

Projects should align with at least one of the following **Strategic Plan Focus Areas**:

1. Student success, persistence, and completion
2. Academic quality and excellence
3. Student engagement and campus experience
4. Enrollment growth and access
5. Continuous improvement and service effectiveness

### **Eligibility**

- Full-time, permanent faculty or staff are eligible to apply.
- Preference will be given to Foundation supporters, reflecting shared investment in the College's mission.
- Applicants who are not current supporters are encouraged to consider contributing to the Foundation.

### **Award Amounts**

- Grants of up to \$500 per applicant will be awarded.
- Projects with lower funding requests are encouraged and receive equal consideration.
- Applicants may not combine requests to exceed the \$500 maximum.
- Additional funding sources may be used to support costs beyond the grant amount.

### **Review Process and Deadlines**

Applications are presented for approval at the next scheduled Foundation Board meeting following submission. Applications that are incomplete or submitted after required approvals will be considered at the next meeting.

### **2026–2027 Foundation Board Meeting Dates:**

- April 24, 2026
- September 4, 2026
- November 6, 2026
- February 12, 2027

All grant funds must be expended by **March 31, 2027**. Unused funds will be reallocated to support future student-focused initiatives.

### **Applications**

The application follows this notice. For more information call Traci S. McClung in the Foundation Office at extension 9416 or [foundation@nfc.edu](mailto:foundation@nfc.edu). If you have an idea of a project you would like to implement, but it does not fall within these funding Criteria and Priorities, please call me and let's discuss your ideas.

**2026–2027 College Innovation Fund Grant Application**

**Funding Category (select one):**

- Academic Enhancement  
 Student Life Enhancement
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Applicant Information

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Department \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount Requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Project Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Project Justification (Attach)**

**Project Description**

Please include:

1. Purpose of the project
2. Detailed description
3. Estimated number of students impacted
4. Length of time the project will impact the College
5. If ongoing funding is required, explain how the project will be sustained

**Budget**

Please Include:

1. Description of item(s)
2. Cost per item
3. Quantity
4. Total cost per item
5. Grand total of expenditures
6. Assurance that no other funding source is available

**Note: Items may not be substituted once approved. Maximum request is \$500.**

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**Required Signatures:**

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

President / Board Chair / Executive Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator of Technology \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(Required if requesting technology equipment)*

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**Foundation Use Only**

Date Application Received \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you to the generous contributors, including NFC employees, who make these awards possible. Preference will be given to Foundation donors.