



Approved in Open Session 5/5/26
Manatee County
Board of County Commissioners

May 5, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Suncoast Prosper

Category

COMMISSIONER AGENDA/COMMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Commissioner Siddique, 941-392-1740

Aimee Johnson, Economic Development Manager, ext. 6896

Action Requested

~~Motion to approve agreement with SCF to implement Suncoast Prosper and expedite all legal reviews~~

Motion to direct staff to 1) Prepare a formal agreement for the July 28th Board meeting, with all reviews by the CAO and staff completed and 2) incorporate a budget for Suncoast Prosper for all appropriate fiscal years within relevant Decision Units.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Section 125.045, Florida Statutes — County Economic Development Powers

Section 2-29-153, Code of Ordinances of Manatee County, Florida — Southwest County Improvement District

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

~~This agreement between Manatee County and State College of Florida (SCF) establishes a partnership to provide “last dollar” financial assistance to eligible students, covering remaining tuition and required expenses after other aid is applied. The program reduces financial barriers to education and workforce training, supporting access to high-demand careers and strengthening the local talent pipeline.~~

Following a presentation before the Board of County Commissioners at the April 8th Work Session, State College of Florida (SCF) and staff began discussions to develop a program called “Suncoast Prosper.” Suncoast Prosper provides “last dollar” financial assistance to eligible students, covering remaining tuition and required expenses after other aid is

See Agenda Update Memos 4/29/26, 5/1/26 & 5/4/26

applied. It is modeled after “Osceola Prosper”, which aims reduces financial barriers to education and workforce training, supporting access to high-demand careers and strengthening the local talent pipeline.

Setting Suncoast Prosper apart is the agreement guiding the appropriation of these funds. Per the agreement, funding will be tied to the alignment of career outcomes with the occupation demands list from Florida Commerce and CareerSource Suncoast, as well as Florida Department of Education post-secondary education curriculum frameworks.

Attorney Review

RLS Submitted for Review (Opinion Memo Pending)

Instructions to Board Records

Please provide a copy of the approved agenda item to Aimee Johnson, aimee.johnson@mymanatee.org

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

General Fund, Tax Increment Financing Districts(s)

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

~~\$4.5~~ 7.5 million, to be paid out over three annual payments



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Updates to Agenda - May 4, 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Bobbi Roy, Agenda Division Supervisor, ext 6878

Action Requested

Updates incorporated appropriately

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

Below are agenda updates (dated 4/4/26) for the meeting of May 5, 2026:

GENERIC PUBLIC COMMENTS

- This agenda item was updated with an additional generic comment.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

Items for Discussion

Item 42, Item 42, Naming of King Middle Park to Nick Bolletieri Park

- This agenda item was updated to correct the Title to reflect Nick Bollettieri Park (it was misspelled).

Item 45, Onsite visit and report from the University of Florida concerning the Bishop Kennels

- This agenda item was updated with public comments.

Item 46, Suncoast Prosper

- This agenda item was updated with a further revised Tentative Agreement.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

N/A

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

SUNCOAST PROSPER AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as hereinafter defined) by and between **THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton, FL, 34205, ("County") and **THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE COLLEGE OF FLORIDA, MANATEE-SARASOTA, FLORIDA**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is 5840 26th St. W. Bradenton, FL, 34207, State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will be referred to here-in as (SCF), (County and SCF are referred to herein sometimes as a "Party" or the "Parties").

WHEREAS, County and SCF are entering into an agreement, to be effective **January 11, 2027**, to make available to students who graduate high school or equivalent in the classes of **2027/2028** from Manatee County high schools, charter schools, alternative high schools, private schools, or home education program students scholarship funds to enroll in a degree or certificate program at SCF by funding last dollar scholarships (financial awards that cover any remaining costs for tuition and fees after grants and scholarships).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained in this Agreement, County and SCF hereby agree as hereinafter set forth.

- 1. Incorporation of Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are by this reference incorporated into and made a part hereof.
- 2. Term.** This Agreement shall take effect upon execution by both parties and shall terminate on ~~December~~ **February 28, 2029**~~2031~~, unless terminated earlier as provided herein.
- 3. Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party with cause upon 60 days written notice to the other party, to provide a reasonable opportunity to cure. If the alleged breach is not cured to the satisfaction of the non-breaching party within the 60 days, then the Agreement shall terminate without further action of the parties. The Parties agree that any termination that occurs prior to the expiration of the Term shall not adversely affect funding for eligible students which has been awarded but not yet disbursed before the effective date of such termination.

4. **Provision of Scholarship Funds by County to SCF.** County shall provide financial support to SCF students and will fund the Program in an amount not to exceed ~~Four Seven million four hundred ninety thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$7,490,750.00)~~ ~~Seven Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars~~ (subject to Paragraph 6, herein), based on the current enrollment pattern estimate of 1,425 students, as set forth in more detail in Appendix A, which by this reference is incorporated into and made a part hereof. SCF will provide the educational and training offerings supported by the Program, and will be responsible for Program operations, compliance, and reporting matters. Program scholarships shall provide to eligible SCF students:

- A. Coverage of costs of applying to SCF.
- B. Coverage of tuition and fees for educational and training programs offered by SCF not otherwise covered by other grants or scholarships for one credential (SCF's Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Science degrees, and/or Certificates.)

5. If eligible student enrollment exceeds 1,425 students or due to differences in cost assumptions including without limitation those set forth in Appendix A, ~~SCFthe County~~ will seek authorization ~~from the County~~ to augment funds for the Suncoast Prosper Program to serve all eligible students. However, additional funding is not guaranteed and is subject to approval by the County.

6. The Suncoast Prosper Scholarship has established guidelines for degree program acceptance and funding eligibility. It is imperative to understand that not all programs will fall within the scope of support provided by this scholarship. The Suncoast Prosper Scholarship will not fund programs that:

- A. Do not align with the scholarship's stated mission and goals as provided herein.
- B. Are of a speculative or non-traditional nature, with unproven educational outcomes.
- C. Exhibit a primary focus on non-academic or non-vocational pursuits.

The Suncoast Prosper Scholarship is directed towards programs demonstrating a clear commitment to educational excellence and contributing positively to our scholarship recipients' academic and career growth. ~~Associate in Arts and Science Degrees, and Certificates offered at SCF will be eligible for the program. These programs should support career outcomes aligned with and inclusive of, but not limited to, the Florida Commerce statewide demand occupations list, the CareerSource Suncoast local area demand occupations list, and Florida Department of Education Post-Secondary Curriculum Frameworks. Associate in Arts and Science Degrees, and Certificates offered at SCF will be eligible for the program.~~

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Student Initial Eligibility. Students who graduate in the class of 2027/2028 from Manatee County high schools, charter schools, alternative high schools, private schools, or a home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41, Florida Statutes are eligible for the Program provided they:

- D. To be eligible for funding under this Agreement, each student must be a current resident of Manatee County, Florida, at the time of initial application. Acceptable proof of residency shall be provided in a form satisfactory to the County (e.g., valid driver's license, utility bill, lease agreement, or other official documentation showing a Manatee County address).

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Continued eligibility for funding is contingent upon the student maintaining residency within Manatee County for the duration of participation in the program. The student (or recipient, as applicable) must provide updated proof of residency prior to the disbursement of funds for each subsequent funding term, in a form acceptable to the County.

Failure to provide adequate proof of residency or failure to maintain Manatee County residency may result in denial, suspension, or termination of funding at the County's discretion.

~~D.E.~~ Apply to SCF and register for at least one course, in Spring 2027 or Spring 2028.

~~E.F.~~ Complete the 2027/2028 and the 2028/2029 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) ~~for students starting in the Spring 2027 or Spring 2028 Terms.~~ Students not eligible to complete the FAFSA may self-certify to SCF financial aid staff that they are not able to do so.

7. **Student Continuing Eligibility.** Students remain eligible for the program until they complete their intended credential (AA, AS, or Certificate), provided they:

- A. Complete 15 credit hours per academic year and/or maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by SCF, as applicable.
- B. Complete the FAFSA each year or certify to SCF financial aid staff that they are not able to do so.
- C. Do not maintain a GPA below 2.0 for any four (4) consecutive semester period.
- D. Earn their credential before or during ~~Spring-Fall~~ 2030.
- E. Take classes required for the student's selected degree or certificate program.

8. **SCF Student Support.** SCF will provide to its applicants and enrolled eligible students:

- A. Opportunities for students to visit campus with specialized support for understanding degree and certificate options including college and career advising, provision of help completing their application for admission and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and provision of dedicated advising to aid in program selection and registration.
- B. ~~Support for Assistance in~~ connecting students to holistic student support services.

9. **Reporting.** SCF shall provide the County with an aggregated summary of funds distributed in compliance with the benefits and requirements of the Program as described herein as follows:

<u>Period Beginning</u>	<u>Period Ending</u>	<u>Report due</u>
6/1/27	12/31/27	2/28/28
1/1/28	12/31/28	2/28/29
1/1/29	12/31/29	2/29/30
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10. Auditing, Records, and Inspection. In the performance of this Agreement, SCF shall keep books, records, and accounts of all activities, related to the Agreement, in compliance with generally accepted accounting procedures. Throughout the term of this Agreement, books, records, and accounts related to the performance of this Agreement shall be open to inspection during regular business hours by an authorized representative of the County and shall be retained by SCF for three (3) years after termination or completion of the Agreement, or until the full County audit is complete, whichever comes first. The County shall retain the right to audit the books during the three-year retention period. All books, records, and accounts related to the performance of this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Florida Public Records Act, chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The County also has the right to conduct an audit within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Agreement to determine whether SCF can fulfill its contractual obligations to the satisfaction of the County.

11. Indemnification. The County hereby acknowledges that SCF is a governmental entity in the State of Florida. Without waiving its sovereign immunity, and if and to the extent permitted by law, SCF shall be liable for all bodily injury and property damage attributable solely to its negligent acts or omissions, or those of its employees acting within the scope of their employment. Under no circumstances shall SCF be liable to or for the negligent acts of the County or any person employed by the County or under the direction of the County. SCF shall not have tort liability for any amounts above those limits per claim and per occurrence set for tort liability in Section 768.28, F.S. The foregoing shall not constitute an agreement by SCF to assume any liability for the acts, omissions, and/or negligence of any third party. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as (i) denying to SCF any remedy or defense available to it under the laws of the State of Florida; (ii) the consent of SCF to be sued; or (iii) a waiver of sovereign immunity of SCF beyond the waiver provided in law.

12. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Except as otherwise specifically referenced in the Agreement, nothing herein contained shall be construed to benefit any third parties not a signatory to this Agreement, and no such parties shall have the right to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and SCF have executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature.

"COUNTY"

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE
COUNTY, FLORIDA**
a charter county and political
subdivision of the State of Florida

By: _____
County Manager/Designee

Date: _____

ATTEST:
MANATEE COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____ Date _____
Clerk/ Deputy Clerk of the Board

"SCF"

Signed, sealed, and delivered in
the presence of the following
witnesses:

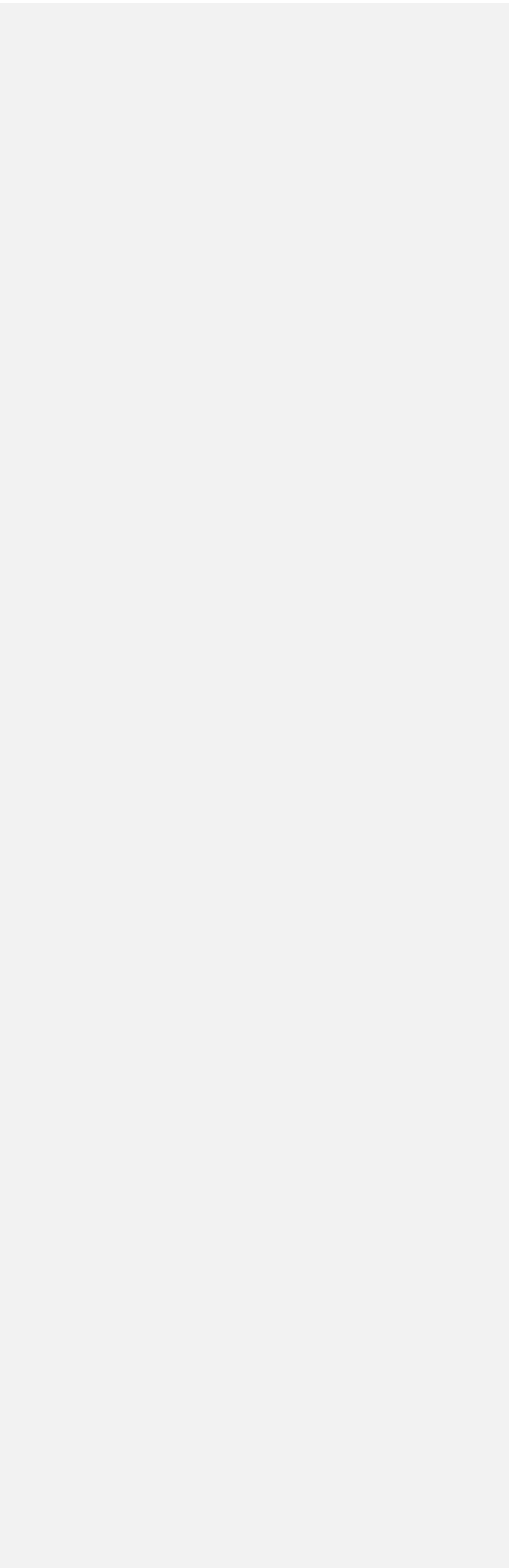
**THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE
COLLEGE OF FLORIDA, MANATEE-SARASOTA,
FLORIDA**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida

By: _____
Tommy Gregory, J.D., President

Name: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____



Appendix A

Suncoast Prosper Program Cost Projection Data

A. Current Enrollment Pattern Estimate - ~~\$7,490,750 4.5 Million~~

# of Manatee County Students	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
475	\$1,498,150		
950		\$2,996,300	\$2,996,300

Assumptions for Calculations

- *The cost estimate is based on 30 credit hours per academic year at \$3,154 per student, which includes SCF in-state lower division tuition and the \$80 required access fee.*



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None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Bobbi Roy, Agenda Division Supervisor, ext 6878

Action Requested

Updates incorporated appropriately

Enabling/Regulating Authority – N/A

Applicable Advisory Board – N/A

Background Discussion

Below are agenda updates (dated 5/1/26) for the meeting of May 5, 2026:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Generic Public Comments

- This agenda item was updated with an additional generic comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Management

Item 19, Execution of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Addendum No. 1 to Agreement No. 25-TA005866JH for Blake Hospital Alternate Water Line, and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-075, Eddy Zappacosta, Project Manager - District 3

- This agenda item was updated with a revised Action Requested to include accepting and dating the Public Construction Bond (in strikethrough/underline format).

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

Items for Discussion

Item 46, Suncoast Prosper

- This agenda item was updated with a revised Cover Sheet and Agreement and additional attachments.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

N/A

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N/A

2025-2026 Florida Statewide Demand Occupations List

Some College, No Degree; Postsecondary Non-Degree Award; Associate Degree; or Bachelor's Degree

Sorted by Occupational Title

Selection Criteria:

- 1 LMEC Educational Requirements: 3 (Some College, No Degree), 4 (Postsecondary Non-Degree Award), 5 (Associate Degree), or 6 (Bachelor's Degree)
- 2 500 annual openings and average growth rate of 0.71% or 1,200 annual openings with any positive growth
- 3 Mean Wage of \$19.00/hour and Entry Wage of \$15.44/hour
- 4 High Skill/High Wage (HSHW) Occupations:
Mean Wage of \$29.76/hour and Entry Wage of \$19.00/hour

SOC Code* HSHW**	Occupation Title*	Annual % Growth	Annual Openings	2024 Hourly Wage		LMEC Training Code	In Targeted Industry?	STEM Occupation?	New to List?
				Mean	Entry				
132011	HSHW Accountants and Auditors	0.70	9,113	42.00	25.92	6	Yes	No	
272011	Actors	0.79	1,702	25.03	16.16	3	No	No	Yes
173011	HSHW Architectural and Civil Drafters	1.15	904	30.12	20.33	5	Yes	Yes	
493023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	0.63	5,620	25.53	16.25	4	No	No	
433031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	0.73	15,667	24.42	17.26	3	Yes	No	
493031	HSHW Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	0.59	1,272	30.01	21.21	4	Yes	No	
131199	HSHW Business Operations Specialists, All Other	0.80	6,273	44.42	23.16	6	Yes	No	
131020	HSHW Buyers and Purchasing Agents	0.55	3,074	37.40	22.92	6	Yes	No	Yes
472031	Carpenters	0.76	6,387	24.13	18.09	4	No	No	
351011	Chefs and Head Cooks	0.73	2,101	30.07	16.58	5	No	No	
211021	Child, Family, and School Social Workers	0.89	1,350	27.28	19.68	6	No	No	
172051	HSHW Civil Engineers	0.94	1,234	50.88	30.17	6	Yes	Yes	
131031	HSHW Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	0.90	2,512	35.67	23.51	3	Yes	No	
292010	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians	0.38	1,978	29.29	18.07	5	No	No	
131141	HSHW Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists	0.94	607	34.18	21.50	6	Yes	No	
131041	HSHW Compliance Officers	0.63	2,882	38.27	22.20	6	Yes	No	
151241	HSHW Computer Network Architects	1.34	554	63.74	42.43	6	Yes	Yes	Yes
151231	HSHW Computer Network Support Specialists	1.11	1,037	36.99	24.37	5	Yes	Yes	
151299	HSHW Computer Occupations, All Other	1.23	1,497	49.66	24.79	6	Yes	Yes	
151251	HSHW Computer Programmers	1.41	552	49.30	29.19	6	Yes	Yes	Yes
151211	HSHW Computer Systems Analysts	1.31	2,544	51.27	32.30	6	Yes	Yes	
151232	HSHW Computer User Support Specialists	1.28	4,078	30.00	19.66	4	Yes	Yes	

113021	HSHW	Computer and Information Systems Managers	1.23	1,978	82.23	52.56	6	Yes	Yes	
492011		Computer, Automated Teller, and Office Machine Repairers	0.83	654	22.69	17.38	4	Yes	No	Yes
119021	HSHW	Construction Managers	0.55	3,437	55.55	31.16	6	No	No	
474011	HSHW	Construction and Building Inspectors	0.89	1,931	33.80	23.00	4	Yes	No	
131051	HSHW	Cost Estimators	0.75	1,477	36.97	22.06	6	Yes	No	
434031		Court, Municipal, and License Clerks	0.28	1,227	23.55	17.87	3	No	No	Yes
152051	HSHW	Data Scientists	1.46	694	56.57	32.51	6	Yes	Yes	
319091		Dental Assistants	1.00	3,747	22.44	18.18	4	No	No	
291292	HSHW	Dental Hygienists	1.00	1,101	40.03	34.09	5	No	No	
472111		Electricians	0.57	4,701	26.68	20.02	4	No	No	
252021		Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	0.73	5,262	28.30	22.05	6	No	No	
292042		Emergency Medical Technicians	0.95	540	20.86	16.43	4	No	No	Yes
436011	HSHW	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	0.63	2,969	33.54	21.47	3	Yes	No	Yes
113031	HSHW	Financial Managers	0.64	2,964	80.69	42.15	6	Yes	No	
332011	HSHW	Firefighters	0.32	1,810	30.58	19.77	4	No	No	
371012		First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service, and Groundskeeping Workers	0.83	2,445	26.59	18.59	3	No	No	
491011	HSHW	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	0.62	3,429	36.60	24.05	3	No	No	
411012	HSHW	First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers	0.69	3,210	46.21	26.05	3	Yes	No	
431011	HSHW	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	0.74	11,148	32.90	21.48	3	Yes	No	
511011	HSHW	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	0.36	2,480	33.02	21.21	3	Yes	No	
411011		First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	0.47	9,789	24.83	16.46	3	No	No	Yes
531047	HSHW	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	0.83	4,052	30.63	20.55	3	Yes	No	
119051	HSHW	Food Service Managers	0.71	3,453	34.25	20.67	3	No	No	
111021	HSHW	General and Operations Managers	0.80	17,467	61.83	25.80	6	Yes	No	
271024	HSHW	Graphic Designers	0.59	1,601	30.17	19.77	6	Yes	No	
292099		Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	0.87	1,117	23.82	17.82	4	No	No	Yes
499021		Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	0.50	3,559	26.49	19.64	4	No	No	
533032		Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1.06	13,527	26.13	19.15	4	Yes	No	
434161		Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping	0.83	683	23.38	17.88	5	Yes	No	Yes
113121	HSHW	Human Resources Managers	0.76	816	66.85	39.61	6	Yes	No	
131071	HSHW	Human Resources Specialists	0.95	5,414	35.25	21.62	6	Yes	No	
172112	HSHW	Industrial Engineers	0.72	853	54.82	34.84	6	Yes	Yes	
499041	HSHW	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	0.27	1,380	30.19	21.69	4	Yes	No	
151212	HSHW	Information Security Analysts	1.41	888	56.49	36.39	6	Yes	Yes	
519061		Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	0.55	2,410	24.00	16.65	4	Yes	No	
413021	HSHW	Insurance Sales Agents	0.83	5,254	38.60	19.70	4	Yes	No	
132053	HSHW	Insurance Underwriters	0.85	557	43.13	27.16	6	Yes	No	Yes
271025		Interior Designers	0.89	813	31.36	18.27	6	Yes	No	

436012		Legal Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	0.78	1,582	27.93	17.55	3	Yes	No	Yes
292061		Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	0.68	3,440	29.00	24.00	4	No	No	
132072	HSHW	Loan Officers	0.23	1,889	39.54	19.63	6	Yes	No	
131081	HSHW	Logisticians	0.84	1,210	36.54	22.98	6	Yes	No	
131111	HSHW	Management Analysts	0.91	7,131	47.42	26.12	6	Yes	No	
119199	HSHW	Managers, All Other	0.57	4,150	56.32	26.57	6	No	No	
131161	HSHW	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	0.95	6,289	39.74	22.69	6	Yes	No	
112021	HSHW	Marketing Managers	0.89	1,539	71.21	37.40	6	Yes	No	
319011		Massage Therapists	1.02	1,938	24.33	15.64	4	No	No	
319092		Medical Assistants	1.14	9,234	20.66	17.01	4	No	No	
292072		Medical Records Specialists	0.77	1,261	24.19	16.71	4	Yes	No	
436013		Medical Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	0.92	8,918	20.37	16.60	3	No	No	
119111	HSHW	Medical and Health Services Managers	0.58	2,902	61.82	33.95	6	No	No	
252022		Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	0.74	2,699	27.99	22.74	6	No	No	
493051		Motorboat Mechanics and Service Technicians	0.96	567	27.05	19.09	4	Yes	No	
272042	HSHW	Musicians and Singers	0.16	1,226	69.32	25.01	3	No	No	
151244	HSHW	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	1.19	1,592	46.19	30.48	6	Yes	Yes	
195011	HSHW	Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	0.73	700	40.11	24.72	6	Yes	No	
312011	HSHW	Occupational Therapy Assistants	1.42	614	34.07	28.48	5	No	No	
439199		Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	0.69	3,034	23.25	16.61	3	No	No	Yes
152031	HSHW	Operations Research Analysts	0.81	585	40.59	24.08	6	Yes	Yes	
292057		Ophthalmic Medical Technicians	1.43	644	21.49	17.09	4	No	No	
232011		Paralegals and Legal Assistants	0.73	4,242	29.40	19.73	5	Yes	No	
433051		Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks	0.86	1,210	24.33	16.36	3	Yes	No	Yes
132052	HSHW	Personal Financial Advisors	0.17	2,004	75.80	25.49	6	No	No	
292052		Pharmacy Technicians	0.38	3,890	20.58	16.95	4	No	No	
319097		Phlebotomists	1.11	1,341	19.50	16.80	4	No	No	
312021	HSHW	Physical Therapist Assistants	1.45	1,293	32.92	26.38	5	No	No	
472152		Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	0.55	3,007	25.79	19.31	4	No	No	
333051	HSHW	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	0.28	4,001	40.31	26.70	5	No	No	
435061		Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	0.64	2,177	26.25	18.20	3	Yes	No	
131082	HSHW	Project Management Specialists	0.89	5,501	49.64	30.39	6	Yes	No	
132020	HSHW	Property Appraisers and Assessors	0.73	558	40.25	22.87	6	No	No	
119141	HSHW	Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	0.85	3,777	38.25	21.42	6	No	No	
292053		Psychiatric Technicians	1.22	1,151	21.08	16.65	4	No	No	Yes
273031	HSHW	Public Relations Specialists	0.76	1,999	33.11	19.59	6	Yes	No	
419021		Real Estate Brokers	0.76	708	41.45	17.45	4	No	No	Yes
419022		Real Estate Sales Agents	0.76	7,129	35.25	16.84	4	No	No	
291141	HSHW	Registered Nurses	0.20	12,683	42.40	33.19	6	No	No	
112022	HSHW	Sales Managers	0.72	2,491	70.26	33.97	6	Yes	No	

413091		Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	1.11	10,671	34.78	18.33	6	Yes	No	
414012		Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	0.54	8,691	35.57	18.25	3	Yes	No	
414011	HSHW	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	0.81	2,533	61.13	28.44	6	Yes	Yes	
252031		Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	0.73	3,621	29.75	22.68	6	No	No	
413031	HSHW	Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	0.43	3,376	43.12	22.09	6	No	No	
492098		Security and Fire Alarm Systems Installers	0.79	926	27.49	20.81	4	No	No	
211093		Social and Human Service Assistants	0.64	2,332	21.36	16.14	3	No	No	Yes
151252	HSHW	Software Developers	1.67	5,834	61.68	38.59	6	Yes	Yes	
151253	HSHW	Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	1.88	1,025	47.69	31.59	6	Yes	Yes	
252052		Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	0.71	549	28.36	23.57	6	No	No	Yes
252058	HSHW	Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	0.71	678	30.39	23.07	6	No	No	
211018		Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	1.35	1,877	29.08	20.09	6	No	No	
173031		Surveying and Mapping Technicians	0.94	740	24.53	18.00	5	Yes	Yes	
492022	HSHW	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	1.13	1,612	31.50	22.84	4	No	No	
499052		Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	1.03	822	27.48	18.96	4	No	No	Yes
131151		Training and Development Specialists	0.83	2,547	34.92	18.93	6	Yes	No	
413041		Travel Agents	0.85	1,703	23.90	16.73	3	No	No	Yes
292056		Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	2.05	1,285	20.79	16.58	5	Yes	No	
514121		Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	0.47	1,655	25.27	19.55	4	Yes	No	

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LMEC = Labor Market Estimating Conference

SUNCOAST PROSPER AGREEMENT

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WHEREAS, County and SCF are entering into an agreement, to be effective **January 11, 2027**, to make available to students who graduate in the classes of **2027/2028** from Manatee County high schools, charter schools, alternative high schools, private schools, or home education program students scholarship funds to enroll in a degree or certificate program at SCF by funding last dollar scholarships (financial awards that cover any remaining costs for tuition and fees after grants and scholarships).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained in this Agreement, County and SCF hereby agree as hereinafter set forth.

- 1. Incorporation of Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are by this reference incorporated into and made a part hereof.
- 2. Term.** This Agreement shall take effect upon execution by both parties and shall terminate on **December 31, 2029**, unless terminated earlier as provided herein.
- 3. Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party with cause upon 60 days written notice to the other party, to provide a reasonable opportunity to cure. If the alleged breach is not cured to the satisfaction of the non-breaching party within the 60 days, then the Agreement shall terminate without further action of the parties. The Parties agree that any termination that occurs prior to the expiration of the Term shall not adversely affect funding for eligible students which has been awarded but not yet disbursed before the effective date of such termination.

4. **Provision of Scholarship Funds by County to SCF.** County shall provide financial support to SCF students and will fund the Program in an amount not to exceed Seven million four hundred ninety thousand seven hundred fifty (subject to Paragraph 6, herein), based on the current enrollment pattern estimate of 1,425 students, as set forth in more detail in Appendix A, which by this reference is incorporated into and made a part hereof. SCF will provide the educational and training offerings supported by the Program, and will be responsible for Program operations, compliance, and reporting matters. Program scholarships shall provide to eligible SCF students:

- A. Coverage of costs of applying to SCF.
- B. Coverage of tuition and fees for educational and training programs offered by SCF not otherwise covered by other grants or scholarships for one credential (SCF's Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Science degrees, and Certificates.)

5. If eligible student enrollment exceeds 1,425 students or due to differences in cost assumptions including without limitation those set forth in Appendix A, SCF will seek authorization to augment funds for the Suncoast Prosper Program to serve all eligible students. However, additional funding is not guaranteed and is subject to approval by the County.

6. The Suncoast Prosper Scholarship has established guidelines for degree program acceptance and funding eligibility. It is imperative to understand that not all programs will fall within the scope of support provided by this scholarship. The Suncoast Prosper Scholarship will not fund programs that:

- A. Do not align with the scholarship's stated mission and goals.
- B. Are of a speculative or non-traditional nature, with unproven educational outcomes.
- C. Exhibit a primary focus on non-academic or non-vocational pursuits.

The Suncoast Prosper Scholarship is directed towards programs demonstrating a clear commitment to educational excellence and contributing positively to our scholarship recipients' academic and career growth. These programs should support career outcomes aligned with Florida Commerce statewide demand occupations list, the CareerSource Suncoast local area demand occupations list, and Florida Department of Education Post-Secondary Curriculum Frameworks. Associate in Arts and Science Degrees, and Certificates offered at SCF will be eligible for the program.

Student Initial Eligibility. Students who graduate in the class of 2027/2028 from Manatee County high schools, charter schools, alternative high schools, private schools, or a home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41, Florida Statutes are eligible for the Program provided they:

- D. To be eligible for funding under this Agreement, each student must be a current resident of Manatee County, Florida, at the time of initial application. Acceptable proof of residency shall be provided in a form satisfactory to the County (e.g., valid driver's license, utility bill, lease agreement, or other official documentation showing a Manatee County address).

Continued eligibility for funding is contingent upon the student maintaining residency within Manatee County for the duration of participation in the program. The student (or recipient, as

applicable) must provide updated proof of residency prior to the disbursement of funds for each subsequent funding term, in a form acceptable to the County.

Failure to provide adequate proof of residency or failure to maintain Manatee County residency may result in denial, suspension, or termination of funding at the County's discretion.

- E. Apply to SCF and register for at least one course, in Spring 2027 or Spring 2028.
- F. Complete the 2027/2028 and the 2028/2029 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for students starting in the Spring 2027 or Spring 2028 Terms. Students not eligible to complete the FAFSA may self-certify to SCF financial aid staff that they are not able to do so.

7. **Student Continuing Eligibility.** Students remain eligible for the program until they complete their intended credential (AA, AS, or Certificate), provided they:

- A. Complete 15 credit hours per academic year and/or maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by SCF, as applicable.
- B. Complete the FAFSA each year or certify to SCF financial aid staff that they are not able to do so.
- C. Do not maintain a GPA below 2.0 for any four consecutive semester period.
- D. Earn their credential before or during Spring 2030.
- E. Take classes required for the student's selected degree or certificate program.

8. **SCF Student Support.** SCF will provide to its enrolled eligible students:

- A. Opportunities for students to visit campus with specialized support for understanding degree and certificate options including college and career advising, provision of help completing their application for admission and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and provision of dedicated advising to aid in program selection and registration.
- B. Support for connecting students to holistic student support services.

9. **Reporting.** SCF shall provide the County with an aggregated summary of funds distributed in compliance with the benefits and requirements of the Program as described herein as follows:

<u>Period Beginning</u>	<u>Period Ending</u>	<u>Report due</u>
6/1/27	12/31/27	2/28/28
1/1/28	12/31/28	2/28/29
1/1/29	12/31/29	2/29/30
1/1/30	12/31/30	2/28/30

10. **Auditing, Records, and Inspection.** In the performance of this Agreement, SCF shall keep books, records, and accounts of all activities, related to the Agreement, in compliance with generally

accepted accounting procedures. Throughout the term of this Agreement, books, records, and accounts related to the performance of this Agreement shall be open to inspection during regular business hours by an authorized representative of the County and shall be retained by SCF for three years after termination or completion of the Agreement, or until the full County audit is complete, whichever comes first. The County shall retain the right to audit the books during the three-year retention period. All books, records, and accounts related to the performance of this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Florida Public Records Act, chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The County also has the right to conduct an audit within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Agreement to determine whether SCF can fulfill its contractual obligations to the satisfaction of the County.

11. Indemnification. The County hereby acknowledges that SCF is a governmental entity in the State of Florida. Without waiving its sovereign immunity, and if and to the extent permitted by law, SCF shall be liable for all bodily injury and property damage attributable solely to its negligent acts or omissions, or those of its employees acting within the scope of their employment. Under no circumstances shall SCF be liable to or for the negligent acts of the County or any person employed by the County or under the direction of the County. SCF shall not have tort liability for any amounts above those limits per claim and per occurrence set for tort liability in Section 768.28, F.S. The foregoing shall not constitute an agreement by SCF to assume any liability for the acts, omissions, and/or negligence of any third party. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as (i) denying to SCF any remedy or defense available to it under the laws of the State of Florida; (ii) the consent of SCF to be sued; or (iii) a waiver of sovereign immunity of SCF beyond the waiver provided in law.

12. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Except as otherwise specifically referenced in the Agreement, nothing herein contained shall be construed to benefit any third parties not a signatory to this Agreement, and no such parties shall have the right to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement.

Appendix A

Suncoast Prosper Program Cost Projection Data

A. Current Enrollment Pattern Estimate - \$7,490,750

# of Manatee County Students	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
475	\$1,498,150		
950		\$2,996,300	\$2,996,300

Assumptions for Calculations

- *The cost estimate is based on 30 credit hours per academic year at \$3,154 per student, which includes SCF in-state lower division tuition and the \$80 required access fee.*

PY 2025-2026 Local Targeted Occupations List
 Workforce Development Area 18 - Manatee and Sarasota Counties
 Sorted by Standard Occupational Classification Code
 Effective July 1, 2025

SOC Code †	Occupational Title †	HSHW ††	LMEC Training Code †††	Qualifying Level ††††
111021	General and Operations Managers	HSHW	6	R
112021	Marketing Managers	HSHW	6	R
112022	Sales Managers	HSHW	6	R
113012	Administrative Services Managers	HSHW	6	R
113021	Computer and Information Systems Managers	HSHW	6	R
113031	Financial Managers	HSHW	6	R
113071	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	HSHW	6	N
113121	Human Resources Managers	HSHW	6	S
119021	Construction Managers	HSHW	6	R
119051	Food Service Managers	HSHW	3	R
119111	Medical and Health Services Managers	HSHW	6	R
119141	Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	HSHW	6	R
119151	Social and Community Service Managers	HSHW	6	N
119199	Managers, All Other	HSHW	6	R
131020	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	HSHW	6	S
131031	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	HSHW	3	R
131041	Compliance Officers	HSHW	6	R
131051	Cost Estimators	HSHW	6	R
131071	Human Resources Specialists	HSHW	6	R
131081	Logisticians	HSHW	6	R
131082	Project Management Specialists	HSHW	6	R
131111	Management Analysts	HSHW	6	R
131121	Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners	HSHW	6	N
131141	Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists	HSHW	6	S
131151	Training and Development Specialists	HSHW	6	R
131161	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	HSHW	6	R
131199	Business Operations Specialists, All Other	HSHW	6	R
132011	Accountants and Auditors	HSHW	6	R
132020	Property Appraisers and Assessors	HSHW	6	S
132051	Financial and Investment Analysts	HSHW	6	N
132052	Personal Financial Advisors	HSHW	6	S
132053	Insurance Underwriters	HSHW	6	S
132072	Loan Officers	HSHW	6	S
132099	Financial Specialists, All Other	HSHW	6	N
151211	Computer Systems Analysts	HSHW	6	R
151212	Information Security Analysts	HSHW	6	S
151231	Computer Network Support Specialists	HSHW	5	S
151232	Computer User Support Specialists	HSHW	4	R
151241	Computer Network Architects	HSHW	6	S
151244	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	HSHW	6	R
151251	Computer Programmers	HSHW	6	S
151252	Software Developers	HSHW	6	R
151253	Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	HSHW	6	R
151254	Web Developers	HSHW	5	N
151255	Web and Digital Interface Designers	HSHW	5	N
151299	Computer Occupations, All Other	HSHW	6	R
152031	Operations Research Analysts	HSHW	6	S
152051	Data Scientists	HSHW	6	S
172051	Civil Engineers	HSHW	6	R
172112	Industrial Engineers	HSHW	6	S
172141	Mechanical Engineers	HSHW	6	N
173011	Architectural and Civil Drafters	HSHW	5	S
173031	Surveying and Mapping Technicians	HSHW	5	S
191042	Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	HSHW	6	N
195011	Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	HSHW	6	S
211018	Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	HSHW	6	R
211021	Child, Family, and School Social Workers	HSHW	6	R
211023	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	HSHW	6	N
211093	Social and Human Service Assistants	HSHW	3	R
211094	Community Health Workers	HSHW	6	N
211099	Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other	HSHW	6	N
232011	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	HSHW	5	R
251071	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	HSHW	6	N
252012	Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	HSHW	6	R

SOC Code †	Occupational Title †	HSHW ††	LMEC Training Code †††	Qualifying Level ††††
252021	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education		6	R
252022	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education		6	R
252031	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	HSHW	6	R
252052	Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School		6	S
252058	Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	HSHW	6	S
253099	Teachers and Instructors, All Other		6	N
271011	Art Directors	HSHW	6	N
271014	Special Effects Artists and Animators	HSHW	6	N
271024	Graphic Designers		6	R
271025	Interior Designers		6	R
272012	Producers and Directors	HSHW	6	N
273031	Public Relations Specialists	HSHW	6	R
273043	Writers and Authors	HSHW	6	R
291126	Respiratory Therapists	HSHW	5	N
291141	Registered Nurses	HSHW	6	R
291292	Dental Hygienists	HSHW	5	R
292010	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians		5	R
292034	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	HSHW	5	R
292052	Pharmacy Technicians		4	R
292056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians		5	R
292057	Ophthalmic Medical Technicians		4	R
292061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses		4	R
292072	Medical Records Specialists		4	R
292081	Opticians, Dispensing		4	R
292099	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other		4	R
312011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	HSHW	5	R
312021	Physical Therapist Assistants	HSHW	5	R
319011	Massage Therapists		4	S
319091	Dental Assistants		4	R
319092	Medical Assistants		4	R
319097	Phlebotomists		4	R
332011	Firefighters	HSHW	4	R
333051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	HSHW	5	R
351011	Chefs and Head Cooks		5	R
371012	First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service, and Groundskeeping Workers		3	R
391014	First-Line Supervisors of Entertainment and Recreation Workers, Except Gambling Services		3	N
391022	First-Line Supervisors of Personal Service Workers		3	R
411011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers		3	R
411012	First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers	HSHW	3	R
413021	Insurance Sales Agents	HSHW	4	R
413031	Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	HSHW	6	R
413091	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel		6	R
414011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	HSHW	6	S
414012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	HSHW	3	R
419021	Real Estate Brokers		4	S
419022	Real Estate Sales Agents		4	R
431011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	HSHW	3	S
433031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks		3	S
433051	Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks		3	S
434031	Court, Municipal, and License Clerks		3	R
434161	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping		5	S
435061	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks		3	R
436011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	HSHW	3	S
436012	Legal Secretaries and Administrative Assistants		3	S
436013	Medical Secretaries and Administrative Assistants		3	R
439199	Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other		3	S
471011	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	HSHW	3	R
472031	Carpenters		4	R
472111	Electricians		4	R
472152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters		4	R
474011	Construction and Building Inspectors	HSHW	4	R
491011	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	HSHW	3	R
492011	Computer, Automated Teller, and Office Machine Repairers		4	S
492022	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	HSHW	4	R
492098	Security and Fire Alarm Systems Installers		4	R
493021	Automotive Body and Related Repairers		4	R
493023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics		4	R
493031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	HSHW	4	S
493042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	HSHW	4	R
493051	Motorboat Mechanics and Service Technicians		4	R

SOC Code †	Occupational Title †	HSHW ††	LMEC Training Code †††	Qualifying Level ††††
499021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers		4	R
499041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	HSHW	4	R
499052	Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers		4	R
499062	Medical Equipment Repairers	HSHW	5	N
499071	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General		4	L
511011	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	HSHW	3	R
514041	Machinists		4	R
514121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers		4	R
519061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers		4	R
531047	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	HSHW	3	S
533032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers		4	R

†SOC Code and Occupational Title refers to Standard Occupational Classification codes and titles.

††HSHW = High Skill/High Wage = (Mean Wage - \$29.98/hour & Entry Wage - \$19.14/hour).

†††Labor Market Estimating Conference (LMEC Educational Requirements) Training Code:

- 3 = Some College, No Degree
- 4 = Post Secondary Non-Degree Award
- 5 = Associate Degree
- 6 = Bachelor's Degree

††††Qualifying Level:

- L = Meets local review criteria.
- R = Meets regional wage and openings criteria based on state Labor Market Statistics employer survey data.
- S = Meets statewide wage and openings criteria based on state Labor Market Statistics employer survey data.
- N = Meets national wage and openings criteria based on national Labor Market Statistics employer survey data.

Sources: Florida Commerce, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics, 2025-26 Regional Demand Occupations List (RDOL)



Suncoast Prosper



What is Suncoast Prosper?

The Suncoast Prosper Initiative is an SCF-county collaborative designed to remove financial barriers to postsecondary education and workforce training.



SCF Quick Facts

- ▶ Founded in 1957 with over 65,000 graduates, many who are living and working locally.
- ▶ High-performing state college serving over 10,000 credit-seeking students annually across 30+ academic and workforce programs, including Business, Education, Technology and Health Sciences.
- ▶ Tuition has not increased in 15 years; current in-state AA/AS tuition is \$102.48 per credit hour.
- ▶ ~70% of our students are first time in college (FTIC).
- ▶ FTIC: 77% retention rate | 27% transfer-out rate | 40% graduation rate.

Community References

- ▶ Student representation as of Fall 2025:
 - ▶ 51% Manatee County and
 - ▶ 38.5% Sarasota County.
- ▶ ~50% of adults in Manatee County do not have a credential beyond their high school diploma, limiting access to higher wages and constraining regional workforce growth.
- ▶ ~50% of students who stop out cite financial hardship as the primary reason.

Demonstrated Results

- ▶ In other counties, the program has resulted in increased enrollment, retention and graduation rates.
- ▶ Now in its fourth year, the program has enrolled more than 10,550 participants since its start. To date, Osceola Prosper for Valencia has produced:
 - ▶ 1,143 Associate Degree graduates
 - ▶ 815 Technical Certificate completers
 - ▶ 906 Trades Program completers
- ▶ **Since the launch of Osceola Prosper, the county's college-going rate is now among the highest in the state.**

Return on Investment

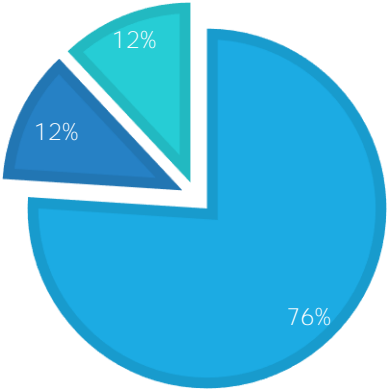
- ▶ Increases degree completion, driving regional economic growth.
- ▶ Expands skilled workforce in high-need sectors (nursing, education, business, technology).
- ▶ Long-term community benefits: reduced poverty, improved health outcomes, greater economic stability.
- ▶ SCF generates \$507.2 million annually in regional economic impact.

Request

# of Manatee County Students	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
475	\$1,498,150		
950		\$2,996,300	\$2,996,300

SOURCE OF TUITION & FEES YEAR 2

■ Student Tuition ■ Student Fees ■ Suncoast Prosper



A minimum three-year recurring investment to support a cohort of newly enrolling and continuing SCF-eligible students seeking their AA or AS degree or certificate.

The cost estimate is based on 30 credit hours per academic year at \$3,154 per student, which includes SCF in-state lower division tuition and the \$80 required access fee for full-time students who have exhausted Pell Grants, scholarships, and other traditional financial aid.

Thank you!



May 5, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Approval of Agreement with State College of Florida to Provide Last-Dollar Financial Assistance Program

Category

COMMISSIONER AGENDA/COMMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Commissioner Siddique, 941-392-1740

Action Requested

Motion to approve agreement with SCF to implement Suncoast Prosper and expedite all legal reviews.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

This agreement between Manatee County and State College of Florida (SCF) establishes a partnership to provide "last dollar" financial assistance to eligible students, covering remaining tuition and required expenses after other aid is applied. The program reduces financial barriers to education and workforce training, supporting access to high-demand careers and strengthening the local talent pipeline.

Attorney Review

RLS Submitted for Review (Opinion Memo Pending)

Instructions to Board Records

Aimee Johnson; Economic Development

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

General

See attached Agenda Update Memo 4/29/26

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

\$4.5 million, to be paid out over three annual payments

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Subject

Updates to Agenda

Category

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Bobbi Roy, Agenda Division Supervisor, ext 6878

Action Requested

Updates incorporated appropriately

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

Below are agenda updates (4/29/2026) for the meeting of 5/5/2026 9:00 AM - May 5, 2026 - Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

Added to the agenda.

46. Approval of Agreement with State College of Florida to Provide Last-Dollar Financial Assistance Program

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

N/A

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs
N/A

REVISED/REPLACED

SUNCOAST PROSPER AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as hereinafter defined) by and between **THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton, FL, 34205, ("**County**") and **THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE COLLEGE OF FLORIDA, MANATEE-SARASOTA, FLORIDA**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is 5840 26th St. W. Bradenton, FL, 34207, State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will be referred to here-in as (SCF), (County and SCF are referred to herein sometimes as a "**Party**" or the "**Parties**").

WHEREAS, County and SCF are entering into an agreement, to be effective **January 11, 2027**, to make available to students who graduate in the classes of **2027/2028** from Manatee County high schools, charter schools, alternative high schools, private schools, or home education program students scholarship funds to enroll in a degree or certificate program at SCF by funding last dollar scholarships (financial awards that cover any remaining costs for tuition and fees after grants and scholarships).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained in this Agreement, County and SCF hereby agree as hereinafter set forth.

- 1. Incorporation of Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are by this reference incorporated into and made a part hereof.
- 2. Term.** This Agreement shall take effect upon execution by both parties and shall terminate on **December 31, 2029**, unless terminated earlier as provided herein.
- 3. Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party with cause upon 60 days written notice to the other party, to provide a reasonable opportunity to cure. If the alleged breach is not cured to the satisfaction of the non-breaching party within the 60 days, then the Agreement shall terminate without further action of the parties. The Parties agree that any termination that occurs prior to the expiration of the Term shall not adversely affect funding for eligible students which has been awarded but not yet disbursed before the effective date of such termination.

4. **Provision of Scholarship Funds by County to SCF.** County shall provide financial support to SCF students and will fund the Program in an amount not to exceed **Four Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (subject to Paragraph 6, herein), based on the current enrollment pattern estimate of 1,425 students, as set forth in more detail in Appendix A,** which by this reference is incorporated into and made a part hereof. SCF will provide the educational and training offerings supported by the Program, and will be responsible for Program operations, compliance, and reporting matters. Program scholarships shall provide to eligible SCF students:

- A. Coverage of costs of applying to SCF.
- B. Coverage of tuition and fees for educational and training programs offered by SCF not otherwise covered by other grants or scholarships for one credential (SCF's Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Science degrees, and Certificates.)

5. If eligible student enrollment exceeds 1,425 students or due to differences in cost assumptions including without limitation those set forth in Appendix A, the County will seek authorization to augment funds for the Suncoast Prosper Program to serve all eligible students. However, additional funding is not guaranteed and is subject to approval by the County.

6. The Suncoast Prosper Scholarship has established guidelines for degree program acceptance and funding eligibility. It is imperative to understand that not all programs will fall within the scope of support provided by this scholarship. The Suncoast Prosper Scholarship will not fund programs that:

- A. Do not align with the scholarship's stated mission and goals.
- B. Are of a speculative or non-traditional nature, with unproven educational outcomes.
- C. Exhibit a primary focus on non-academic or non-vocational pursuits.

The Suncoast Prosper Scholarship is directed towards programs demonstrating a clear commitment to educational excellence and contributing positively to our scholarship recipients' academic and career growth. Associate in Arts and Science Degrees, and Certificates offered at SCF will be eligible for the program.

Student Initial Eligibility. Students who graduate in the class of 2027/2028 from Manatee County high schools, charter schools, alternative high schools, private schools, or a home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41, Florida Statutes are eligible for the Program provided they:

- D. Apply to SCF and register for at least one course, in Spring 2027 or Spring 2028.
- E. Complete the 2027/2028 and the 2028/2029 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for students starting in the Spring 2027 or Spring 2028 Terms. Students not eligible to complete the FAFSA may self-certify to SCF financial aid staff that they are not able to do so.

7. **Student Continuing Eligibility.** Students remain eligible for the program until they complete their intended credential (AA, AS, or Certificate), provided they:

- A. Complete 15 credit hours per academic year and/or maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by SCF, as applicable.

- B. Complete the FAFSA each year or certify to SCF financial aid staff that they are not able to do so.
- C. Do not maintain a GPA below 2.0 for any four consecutive semester period.
- D. Earn their credential before or during Spring 2030.
- E. Take classes required for the student’s selected degree or certificate program.

8. SCF Student Support. SCF will provide to its enrolled eligible students:

- A. Opportunities for students to visit campus with specialized support for understanding degree and certificate options including college and career advising, provision of help completing their application for admission and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and provision of dedicated advising to aid in program selection and registration.
- B. Support for connecting students to holistic student support services.

9. Reporting. SCF shall provide the County with an aggregated summary of funds distributed in compliance with the benefits and requirements of the Program as described herein as follows:

<u>Period Beginning</u>	<u>Period Ending</u>	<u>Report due</u>
6/1/27	12/31/27	2/28/28
1/1/28	12/31/28	2/28/29
1/1/29	12/31/29	2/29/30
1/1/30	12/31/30	2/28/30

10. Auditing, Records, and Inspection. In the performance of this Agreement, SCF shall keep books, records, and accounts of all activities, related to the Agreement, in compliance with generally accepted accounting procedures. Throughout the term of this Agreement, books, records, and accounts related to the performance of this Agreement shall be open to inspection during regular business hours by an authorized representative of the County and shall be retained by SCF for three years after termination or completion of the Agreement, or until the full County audit is complete, whichever comes first. The County shall retain the right to audit the books during the three-year retention period. All books, records, and accounts related to the performance of this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Florida Public Records Act, chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The County also has the right to conduct an audit within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Agreement to determine whether SCF can fulfill its contractual obligations to the satisfaction of the County.

11. Indemnification. The County hereby acknowledges that SCF is a governmental entity in the State of Florida. Without waiving its sovereign immunity, and if and to the extent permitted by law, SCF shall be liable for all bodily injury and property damage attributable solely to its negligent acts or omissions, or those of its employees acting within the scope of their employment. Under no circumstances shall SCF be liable to or for the negligent acts of the County or any person employed by the County or under the direction of the County. SCF shall not have tort liability for any amounts above those limits per claim and per occurrence set for tort liability in Section 768.28, F.S. The foregoing shall not constitute an agreement by SCF to assume any liability for the acts, omissions, and/or negligence of

any third party. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as (i) denying to SCF any remedy or defense available to it under the laws of the State of Florida; (ii) the consent of SCF to be sued; or (iii) a waiver of sovereign immunity of SCF beyond the waiver provided in law.

12. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Except as otherwise specifically referenced in the Agreement, nothing herein contained shall be construed to benefit any third parties not a signatory to this Agreement, and no such parties shall have the right to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and SCF have executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature.

"COUNTY"

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE
COUNTY, FLORIDA**
a charter county and political
subdivision of the State of Florida

By: _____
County Manager/Designee

Date: _____

ATTEST:
MANATEE COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Clerk/ Deputy Clerk of the Board

Date: _____

"SCF"

Signed, sealed, and delivered in
the presence of the following
witnesses:

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**THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE
COLLEGE OF FLORIDA, MANATEE-SARASOTA,
FLORIDA**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida

By: _____
Tommy Gregory, J.D., President

Name: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Appendix A

Suncoast Prosper Program Cost Projection Data

A. Current Enrollment Pattern Estimate - \$4.5 Million

# of Manatee County Students	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
475	\$1,498,150		
950		\$2,996,300	\$2,996,300

Assumptions for Calculations

- *The cost estimate is based on 30 credit hours per academic year at \$3,154 per student, which includes SCF in-state lower division tuition and the \$80 required access fee.*

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