



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2191

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The staggering shortage of truck drivers in Florida presents a major threat to the stability of the state's supply chain. Without sufficient drivers to transport goods, businesses face longer wait times for deliveries and increased costs. To mitigate this threat, it is imperative to increase of training of CDL truck drivers. This is a two fold benefit as it provides opportunities for high paying careers, and removes the threat of any long-term economic consequences for business and consumers.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	7,700,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	7,700,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	7,700,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	7,700,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**
- b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**
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10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

No



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Tuition Costs; 1,00,000 to each of the 7 partnering institutions of the consortium. Additional 10% overhead costs to each institution (100,000 per).	7,700,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,700,000

14. Program Performance

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

More truck drivers can reduce transportation costs for businesses, as increased supply can lead to lower prices for delivery services. This can make goods and services more affordable for consumers and support economic growth. More employment in this sector can have a positive impact on the economy, as truck drivers' wages contribute to consumer spending and overall economic activity.

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



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

Tuition grants provide financial support to students to help cover the cost of their education. These grants are a vital resource for students from low-income families and those facing financial hardship, allowing them to pursue their academic goals and achieve their full potential.

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

Undeserved communities, and anyone looking to better their lives. 1,000+ individuals will benefit from this program.

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

Protection from Shortages: More truck drivers can help prevent shortages of essential goods and supplies, such as baby formula, by ensuring timely and efficient delivery to areas of high demand. Also, with truck drivers having a national median salary of \$70,000, this opportunity will provide a stable source of income and support for individuals and their families, helping to increase their economic self-sufficiency. All of this data will be tracked, monitored, and reported by DEO and DOE.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Return of a pro-rata portion of the funds if the program fails to meet the established deliverables and performance measures, such as the training of a sufficient number of drivers, serves as a penalty for non-compliance and ensures the responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number