



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2696

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The funds will be used to construct a classroom/building to afford BBTC the opportunity to offer a new postsecondary Firefighter/EMT program, a dual enrolled Public Safety Telecommunications program and to expand the current Commercial Vehicle Driving program. In addition to construction costs for the new building, there is a need for a driving pad for the Firefighter/EMT and CVD programs and equipment purchases for both Firefighter/EMT and the Public Safety Telecommunications program.

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

**State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,000,000	95%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	10,000	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	200,000	5%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>4,210,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

Once constructed, BBTC will supplement equipment and instructional material costs through current entitlement grants (Perkins), legislative Workforce and PIPELINE funds, and CAPE bonus funds.

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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

BBTC received HEERF funds from the federal government and CARES funds from the FLDOE. HEERF funds were used to reopen the campus, purchase necessary ppe and materials to prevent the spread of COVID, purchase additional equipment to allow for social distancing and to provide funds to students impacted by COVID. CARES funds were used to scholarship students and to offer rapid credential programs for employment.

## 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    
  N/A

**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.**

Big Bend Technical College is owned and operated by the Taylor County School District.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase of equipment for the programs. Example firetruck, rescue vehicle firefighter equipment, simulators and other relevant equipment, telecommunications equipment and simulators.	1,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of 7000 sq. ft building, paving of driving pad, site preparation	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>4,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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

The construction of the new facility will allow 2 new and 1 expanded CTE postsecondary program to be offered on the BBTC campus. These offerings will expand career opportunities for students in the region. Additionally, House Bill 3 from the 2022 session encourages school districts to expand offerings in 911 public safety telecommunication training programs for high school students interested in developing skills necessary to perform as a public safety dispatcher or 911 operator. BBTC will offer the 911 operator program as a dual enrolled program which will allow high school students to take the program free of charge.

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

In addition to the opportunity for students to have different career training opportunities, BBTC will produce firefighter graduates that will handle residential, commercial and wildfires and is an investment in the safety and health for our community. The training of 911 operators will serve all facets of public safety within the region.

The program graduates will fill vacancies within the region which will in turn provide lifesaving services within the region. Additionally, the community has a need to re-employ/retrain a large sector due to closing of the Georgia Pacific Mill. Employed community members will help with the projected economic impact the community will have with the mill and subsequent supporting industries.

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

Postsecondary technical college students. 30-50 students per year. Additionally, displaced workers from the recent closure of the Georgia Pacific Mill and supporting industries will be targeted for enrollment.

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

BBTC will be able to offer two additional Career and Technical Education programs and expand an existing offering. This training is not offered within the region and will increase opportunities for career seekers.  
 Measurement of outcomes:  
 # of students enrolled in programs  
 # of students completing programs  
 # of students earning industry certifications/licensures  
 # of graduates employed in field

**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?**

Recoup funds.

**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**



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**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**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**