



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** South Florida State College Mobile Welding Lab

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Denise Grimsley

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/14/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Create the SFSC Mobile Welding Lab, which will allow the college to provide low-cost credit and non-credit welding training at college campuses and high schools throughout Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto counties.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?  
Department of Education

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
500,000		500,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 500,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

e. Complete the following Worksheet.



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<b>FY:</b>	<b>Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18</b> (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
<b>Column:</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Funds Description:</b>	<b>Prior Year Recurring Funds *</b>	<b>Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *</b>	<b>Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)</b>
<b>Input Amounts:</b>			

**10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**

No

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Welding will be taught throughout the service district, an essential skill that will provide high paying jobs and assists with economic development.

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

Classes will be held to provide welding education and training to residents, regardless of location within the college's service district.

**c. How will the funds be expended?**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits of a full-time faculty to teach welding in a mobile environment.	65,000



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Specially designed & equipped truck and trailer containing welding equipment & supplies; virtual welder for training simulations; travel expenses; insurance	435,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		500,000

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Welding classes will be held throughout the service district, regardless of location.

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

Jobless persons, college students, economically disadvantaged person, and at-risk youth will be targeted for training. Up to 200 students per year will be trained.

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

SFSC currently does not have the ability to provide welding training, and because of this gap, there are currently 136 openings for welders and related jobs requiring welding and metal working skills in Highlands County alone. Statewide, there are 1,580 annual job openings requiring welding skills throughout Florida. This mobile lab will provide a low-cost option for the college to train up to 200 individuals annually as welders. The impact of this training program can be evaluated by the number of trainees served by the program, job placements and promotions of completers, employer satisfaction, and annualized earnings of graduates placed throughout the region. In addition to new workforce training, this lab will allow SFSC to provide specialized welding training, such as Metal Inert Gas (Mig) and Tungsten Inert Gas (Tig) welding, as well as facilitate local access to American Welding Society certification for professional welders.

**g. 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 in the contract?**

None-- the funds are primarily for the equipment needed to offer a welding program and to provide welding training throughout the district on an ongoing basis.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

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- a. **Organization:** South Florida State College
- b. **County:** DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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### 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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