



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1900

1. **Title of Project:** West Tech Ed Center Adult Vocational Training

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kevin Rader

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/13/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

To purchase industry standard equipment for instructional use at West Technical Education Center (West Tech) and to provide scholarships for adult workforce development students residing in the Glades Region (Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay, Canal Point) of Palm Beach County that desire to receive vocational training at West Tech.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,050,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,050,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,050,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>1,050,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

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

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 1000000

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Scholarships for 100+ workforce development adult vocational students. Equipment maintenance for, or replacement of, existing equipment as well as to purchase new equipment for West Tech workforce development adult vocational programs.	883,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Construction trades - turn-key package that includes 3rd party instructors (experienced and credentialed skilled craftsperson); student tuition, program fees, and industry certification fees; State of Florida Pre-Apprenticeship and NCCER Core curriculum	167,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,050,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Recent labor market data revealed a need to fill hundreds of jobs in the construction/building trades and hospitality job sectors. More than 1,800 workers are needed to help build 12 new hotels in Palm Beach County, and as these hotels become operational, they are expected to provide 1,266 new hospitality jobs in the county. West Tech Education Center provides training to residents in the Glades Region of Palm Beach County by developing candidates to make them competitive for in-demand occupations. The ultimate goal for this funding is to provide quality, relevant skills training to the residents of the Glades Region. Such training will afford them the opportunity to be employed in occupations other than field laborer, including those that are year round in nature and have a career pathway within an in-demand workforce sector. Awarding these funds will continue to build on the success of previous allocations that were essential to the revitalization of West Tech.

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

West Tech Education Center will utilize these funds to provide scholarships to financially needy students to cover tuition costs, including registration fees, books, supplies, industry certification exam fees, and other training-related expenses. Funding will also provide maintenance for existing equipment or allow for new equipment to be purchased to ensure vocational students have access to state of the art equipment as designed by business and industry. West Tech programs available to Glades residents include Pre-Apprenticeship level carpentry, welding, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing, along with Medical Sciences (Home Health Aide, Emergency Medical Responder, Certified Nursing Assistant prep, Pharmacy Technician, and EKG & Phlebotomy). Funding will also support students enrolled in the Hospitality & Tourism pathway, slated to open



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in Spring FY20, specifically Culinary Arts, Baking & Pastry Arts, and Hospitality & Tourism Management as well as a Commercial Truck Driver training.

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

Citizens will receive industry-specific training provided by and through West Tech Education Center. The adult students will receive vocational training that is at least 80% applied/hands-on and up to 20% theory resulting in acquisition of correlated industry-recognized skills certification.

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

The target population that will be served by this project is 100+ citizens of Palm Beach County with an emphasis on those that reside and/or work in the Glades Region. It is also anticipated that West Tech will provide training for the local businesses and major industries located within the Glades Region.

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

The expected benefit of this project is the creation of a skilled workforce within a region that has an unemployment rate of 30%. Students that attend West Tech will be prepared to earn various certifications that correlate with employment demands, while supporting current and future employment needs in the Glades Region and Palm Beach County at-large. To measure the outcomes of this project, the following data points will be collected: number of enrolled students by program, number of students gainfully employed upon program exit, number of students earning at least one certification/license, number of students completing/graduating program, and number of students exiting prior to successful program completion.

**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 in the contract?**

None.

**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.**

West Technical Education Center, a public non-charter career training center, is operated by The School District of Palm Beach County.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** The School District of Palm Beach County
- b. **County:** Palm Beach
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit



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

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