



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1010

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Trade Academy (FTA) has partnered with the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC - Gulf Coast Chapter) to operate a pre-apprenticeship program for students in electrical, plumbing and HVAC trades. Expansion throughout the state of Florida will increase opportunities for students to access trades. This pre-apprenticeship program is crucial to gain ground in the enormous gap of employees needed in the construction industry. Completion of a pre-apprenticeship program increases the likelihood an apprentice will complete their training and accelerates their apprenticeship. This FTA expansion will increase the number of apprentices in the pipeline and add a much needed workforce to the many vacant construction jobs. Through FTA's FDOE state certified pre-apprenticeship program, students will be instructed using national curriculum (NCCER) and earn certificates in both CORE and Level 101.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	800,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

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)	800,000	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 2024-2025	800,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	503,788	104	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

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



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No

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
 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.

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	3 Directors (Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas)	195,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	4 instructors	24,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent, Curriculum, Phone System/Phone, Computers, Insurance, Recruitment, Marketing	406,900
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accounting, Management, Consulting, Sponsor of Program, Video/Media Support, Web/Hosting, IT	174,100
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Specifically, this project funds the expansion of FTA's pre-apprenticeship program into Pasco, Pinellas and Manatee Counties. FTA serves as a much needed path for graduating seniors who want to enter into the trades or seek an alternative to a college degree. FTA's DOE certified program is the students' first step towards a full apprenticeship program and employment. These funds will provide opportunities to graduating seniors in three counties and give them the chance to earn a living using valuable skills during a significant workforce shortage.

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

FTA will provide a six-month, pre-apprenticeship program offering a national curriculum for certification in both CORE and a Level 101 in their respective trade. Once completed, students will then be introduced to immediate employment where they can make a higher wage and have the opportunity to continue their full apprenticeship.

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

FTA will provide directly to students an NCCER national curriculum in both CORE (introduction to the trades) and a Level 101 of their choosing (electrical, plumbing or HVAC). Students will also receive 2,000 hours of service along with their two certifications. FTA will immediately connect each student with employment opportunities in their field as well as the opportunity to continue in a full apprenticeship program thereafter. FTA will also be able to reach exponentially more potential students and families through this appropriation through recruitment in schools and educating families regarding the opportunities in the trades. FTA knows that college is not for everyone, and with the growing demand for tradesmen and women due to the aging out of current tradespeople there is a sense of urgency for our state to promote, enroll, educate and employ students.

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

The target audience for this project is high school seniors and/or others wishing to enroll in a nine-month pre-apprenticeship program. This project will focus on enrolling up to 75 students in three additional counties to its current program. All students will have the opportunity upon graduation to enroll in a full apprenticeship program and be immediately employed in the trade they have studied.

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

The goal is to have up to 75 students throughout Pasco, Pinellas and Manatee Counties enroll, graduate both the CORE introduction to the trades and a Level 101 in electrical, plumbing or HVAC. FTA connects 100% of program graduates to immediate employment opportunities in their respective trade so they may continue their full apprenticeship program. Each student will be measured as actual apprentices through the state hired by contractors and in a state sponsored apprenticeship program such as the Associated Builders and Contractors.

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?

Repayment of funds on a percentage basis of services not provided per trainee.

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



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- 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