



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1271

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

4. Project/Program Description

This program is dedicated to increasing the talent pipeline for Brevard County, Florida manufacturers. It focuses on skills-based training with an emphasis on acquiring industry certifications, all while increasing awareness of the high-wage career opportunities within the ever-expanding defense, space, and aerospace industry located on the Space Coast.

The Manufacturing Talent Asset Pipeline (TAP) program will also act as a conduit between our military and civilian communities, forging partnerships with organizations like SkillBridge and Hiring our Heroes, as well as apprenticeship hiring programs. Through these collaborations, we aim to establish Florida's Space Coast as the preferred destination for transitioning service members, veterans, and their families, while also benefiting our local manufacturers with the valuable skills brought by veterans.

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	450,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	450,000

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)	450,000	86%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	75,000	14%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	525,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	350,000	2297	No

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?

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	TAP Program execution and oversight.	80,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Image and Attraction Campaign and Talent Recruitment Marketing Campaign. Provide 70 scholarships for industry certifications and skills training, Career exposure, work experience, and Manufacturing Career Awareness Programs.	242,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Promote Manufacturing Skills Training in region and Veterans Outreach Program - Industry Expert consultants. Talent Attraction Marketing Consultant. Web Site Maintenance / Management / Enhancements.	128,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		450,000

14. Program Performance

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



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This program is dedicated to bolstering the competitiveness of our local manufacturers by growing the pool of skilled labor in our county. Through collaborative efforts with our industry leaders, we will identify the skills necessary for available positions and coordinate training opportunities for our local talent pool. This initiative will also result in expanded access to high-paying, high-tech careers for our citizens, with a special emphasis on supporting veterans, military families, as well as underemployed and unemployed individuals.

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

The funds will be used to provide skills-based training, match individuals skills with job opportunities, promote manufacturing jobs, talent attraction, and assisting local manufacturers with developing apprenticeship programs.

These activities and services aim to strengthen the local workforce, increase employment in the manufacturing sector, and support community economic growth.

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

The project will offer citizens direct services such as certification scholarships to enhance their qualifications and assistance specifically designed to support veterans in transitioning to civilian careers. These services are geared towards empowering individuals, enabling them to secure employment and advance their careers, ultimately promoting economic stability within the community.

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

The project is designed to serve a diverse target population, including the unemployed, under-employed, veterans, ex-offenders, individuals in career transition or seeking career enhancement, non-college-bound youth, GED students, and incumbent manufacturing workers. It aims to provide a minimum of 70 individuals with scholarships that give access to skills-based training, which will pave the way for career advancement opportunities.

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

The project's goal is to establish a talent pipeline that not only meets the demands of the local industry but also facilitates career advancement for the target population, enabling them to excel in a high-wage, high-tech sector.

Quarterly reports on the number of individuals served and details about outreach efforts. This monitoring will enable ongoing assessment and adaptation of strategies to ensure the project's success in meeting both industry demands and individual career goals.

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?

The appropriation will be a cost reimbursement grant in which the penalty for non performance would be no payment.

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) 501 (c) (6)

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