



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2729

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

4. Project/Program Description

Florida continues to suffer from the largest skilled worker shortage in recent history with large numbers of the industry nearing or at the age of retirement. This project effort will introduce a broader audience throughout the state to the benefits a career in the commercial construction industry can offer them in an effort to grow the industry workforce. The ABC Institute will work to provide initial job training skills, will provide the opportunity to enhance the employability of entry level trade professionals, and will offer Industry and Craft Skills Training and Construction Introduction Education Programs. Additionally, they will develop and distribute industry educational materials, and work to connect job seekers with job opportunities and employers. This project will help to expand the knowledge and understanding of the opportunities the construction industry has to off and help to ensure that Florida's workforce is strong, plentiful and skilled.

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	625,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	625,000

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)	625,000	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	625,000	100%

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.**

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.

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	Instructional personnel for educational efforts and skills training services.	275,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Instructional and career development materials, literature and course materials, video education, webinar and other on demand support service, initial tools, and industry necessary PPE	350,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		625,000

14. Program Performance

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



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To introduce a broader population in Florida to the benefits of a career in construction via introductory education services, the opportunity to upskill and expand introductory skill levels, and to place industry job seekers with employers looking to hire.

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

Construction Introduction Education and Training Services, development and disbursement of industry educational materials and course materials, virtual education and training services and job placement.

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

Florida's workforce will benefit from the education and training opportunities, upskill opportunities, and job placement services. The Florida employer will benefit from the opportunity to expand their service capability by building a larger and more skilled workforce. Taxpayers will benefit from having an expanded and skilled workforce to help the industry meet the continued industry demands. Florida continues to attract visitors and those relocating their lives. Ensuring a skilled workforce to build the infrastructure to meet these demands is critically important.

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

Grade school, high school, and university and college students. Individuals who are jobless, economically disadvantaged, or at risk. Those who are currently or formerly incarcerated person and any individual looking to develop an industry trade skill set. 800 or more individuals throughout the state will be served.

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

Individuals will receive education and training services at a variety of levels as well as job placement opportunities. Data collection will be taken at every educational course, material developed, offering given and job placement made and wage rate achieved.

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 program will return non-used funding to the State for deliverables not executed.

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

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity



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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