



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2873

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

For the past 50 years, the Northeast Florida Builders Association (NEFBA) has offered a quality registered apprenticeship program to provide career development in the skilled trades as a pathway to high- wage, high-demand careers in the construction industry. Funding from this project will go towards capital expenses for a new center to house the NEFBA Apprenticeship program, to match for the growing demand of training a highly skilled workforce in our region.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>

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)	5,000,000	74%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,750,000	26%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>6,750,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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### 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

8-1-2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

7-30-2025

**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.**

501(c) (6) non-profit trade association will be the owner/operator

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction or acquisition and renovation of an approximately 35,000 sq. ft. campus to house the NEFBA Apprenticeship program. Campus will consist of 16 classrooms and four dedicated teaching labs along with a large 4,500 sq. ft. building construction lab.	5,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

For the past 50 years, the Northeast Florida Builders Association (NEFBA) has offered a quality registered apprenticeship program to provide career development in the skilled trades as a pathway to high- wage, high-demand careers in the construction industry. Funding from this project will go towards capital expenses for a new center to house the NEFBA Apprenticeship program, to match for the growing demand of training a highly skilled workforce in our region.

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



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NEFBA offers an apprenticeship program to provide career development in the skilled trades as a pathway to high-wage, high-demand careers in the construction industry. NEFBA began the program in 1973 in response to the growing need for skilled craft workers in the local area. Currently, NEFBA offers Apprenticeship training in the fields of Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, and Sheet Metal.

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

The tuition-free NEFBA program leaves graduates with \$0 in student loan debt. Upon graduation, apprentices are awarded up to 27 credit hours towards an A.S. degree in Industrial Management from the Florida state college system.

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

Jobless individuals who seek a career in trade industries. Thousands of individuals will be able to receive this tuition free education through the program expansion.

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

Participants of the program are tracked for job placement statistics. Long term employment of program participants in high earning careers.

**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?**

Penalty- Money per day due to not meeting the minimum requirements as provided.

**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

University or College

Other (please specify) 501(c) (6) non-profit trade association

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**

**e. E-mail Address**



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f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number