



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2155

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Through partnerships with St. Petersburg nonprofits, the CodeBoxx Foundation identifies and supports high-potential, nontraditional students who might not otherwise connect with coding schools and technology training. CodeBoxx helps address the region's pressing need for tech talent while enabling people to move from low-wage to higher-paying jobs and financial independence. Building wealth via better paying jobs is the path to a better future in the Tampa Bay 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	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	350,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	700,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	250,000	119	No

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.

The State's contribution will help to leverage \$350,000 from additional sources of funding from a combination of grants, fundraising, and workshop/program revenue.

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	Campus Director	60,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Cohort Lead + Cohort Mentors 4 cohorts Cohort Recruiting lead	125,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel for recruiting efforts; computer hardware and software for student training; and other wrap-around student support and related expenses.	165,000
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)		350,000

14. Program Performance

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

CodeBoxx has partnered with St. Petersburg nonprofits to identify and empower nontraditional students who may not have access to coding schools and technology training. This approach helps address the region's urgent demand for tech talent while facilitating the transition of individuals from low-wage to higher-paying employment opportunities. By building wealth through improved job prospects, CodeBoxx is paving the way for a brighter future in the Tampa Bay region.



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

Through its technology cohorts, CodeBoxx provides a 16-week accelerated training program covering in-demand technology tools, languages, and practices. Graduates, who pay no tuition until fully employed, exiting the program fully prepared to be contributing members of technology teams at the region's most demanding startups and established businesses. Graduates are quickly placed at area companies or are employed by CodeBoxx Solutions Group, a consulting division serving technology firms. There are no prerequisites, and deferred tuition means students can train for high-demand jobs as web, app, and software developers without an upfront financial investment.

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

Each cohort of 30-35 individuals, up to 130 trained technologists, will emerge from these programs fully equipped to seamlessly integrate into the workforce. Compared to university graduates, these programs offer cost-effectiveness. The funding will also extend support for essential student services and wrap-around assistance, ensuring that attendees can commit to full-time studies without the weight of external life expenses.

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

This initiative is designed to prioritize candidates with the potential for success in the tech industry but face various obstacles in upskilling. These individuals often need more resources and support systems to access pathways leading to higher-paying jobs. The program aims to bridge this gap by providing the right support and assistance to help them overcome these challenges and seize the opportunities available. Over 130 individuals are expected to be trained to enter the workforce through this project.

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

Of the 250+ CodeBoxx graduates to date, 85% have been placed in jobs immediately upon graduation in partner companies such as eBay, and Humana, and local companies such as Spontivly Bedrock, iDimension, RevStar, and even CodeBoxx itself. CodeBoxx anticipates that state funding would provide immediate employment leading to long-term financial security for over 130 Tampa Bay residents.

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?

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met would be returned to the state.

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)



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- 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