



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2216

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To implement regionally industry-demanded programs, including mechatronics, advanced manufacturing, along with the expansion of electrical, HVAC/refrigeration, and welding to meet the talent demands of local industry employers.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,000,000

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)	4,000,000	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	4,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

State grants

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

Yes

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



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RIVEROAK Technical College received a total of \$998,798 from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) for institutional funding and \$735,435 HEERF student funding. Institutional funds supported student scholarships, technologies (computers, tablets, printers, audio-visual equipment), updated simulation equipment for all programs, laboratory equipment, web-based learning programs, and curriculum supports. Student funding was disseminated to enrolled students throughout grant period.

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?

7/1/24

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/25

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.

Suwannee County School District owns technical college facility.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Planning, engineering and construction of additional facility space to allow for the implementation of new mechatronics and advanced manufacturing programs. Renovation of existing infrastructure complex to allow for increased enrollment.	4,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Training programs implemented by the funds requested will provide the in-demand talent needs of the regional manufacturing employers.

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

Postsecondary career certificate training programs for mechatronics, advanced manufacturing, electrical, welding, and related industry credentials required for employment.

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

Postsecondary career certificates along with industry-related credentials. Academic, financial, and other student centered services will be provided.

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

The targeted population served in the North Florida region includes the following: high school students, college students, formerly incarcerated persons, victims of crime, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, and the physically disabled.
This project will be able to increase the numbers of those served from 170 to over 400.

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

Placement of skilled employees into high-wage, high-demand careers. Evaluation will be measured by enrollment, completion rates, number of industry credentials earned and job placement.

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?

Funds to be revoked.

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



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Other (please specify) Suwannee County School District

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