



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2502

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

According to the International Organization of Chiefs of Police, 78% of agencies have reported having difficulty recruiting qualified candidates. The American Trucking Association estimates a shortage of 80,000 truck drivers in 2023. An American Ambulance Association study found that 39% of part-time EMT & 55% of part-time paramedic positions went unfilled because of a lack of qualified candidates. The College intends to build a 300'x600' concrete multipurpose driving pad to support EMS training, Law Enforcement, and Truck Driving, providing a permanent and sustainable space to complete training in these critical shortage areas for our community. The project program includes classrooms, bathrooms, offices, support services, & a covered area. The driving pad program total is 2,125 NSF and 3,018 GSF. The college has partnered with FleetForce and local law enforcement agencies for the success of this project.

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	11,171,000
Total State Funds Requested	11,171,000

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)	11,171,000	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	11,171,000	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?** No

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	300'x600' concrete multipurpose driving pad to support EMS training, Law Enforcement, and Truck Driving. The project program includes a related instruction classroom (525 NSF), student toilet areas (300 NSF), offices (300 NSF), support services (storage/mechanical/electrical/IT) (500 NSF), and a covered area (500 NSF). The driving pad program total is 2,125 NSF and 3,018 GSF.	11,171,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		11,171,000

14. Program Performance



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

Funding for this project will create a permanent driving pad and related classroom structure for Criminal Justice, Emergency Medical Services and Commercial Truck Driving programs. The college is currently leasing land for two programs (which is at risk of no longer becoming unavailable with limited notice) and using an existing parking lot for another program (which will be non-compliant with size regulations after December 2024).

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

Acquisition of 10 acres of land to develop driving pads and related classroom structures to meet the training needs of the academic programs.

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

This project will ensure a pipeline of highly trained law enforcement professionals, first responders and commercial vehicle operators to support the needs of the community.

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

Target population - North Central Florida, Citrus, Levy, Marion counties and the State of Florida. Our goal is to have 100 students enrolled and using these facilities within the first year.

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

This project will increase, expand and enhance measurable outcomes including enrollment, graduation, completion and job placement rates of critically needed law enforcement, first responders and commercial drivers. This project also meets the needs of employer partners (such as Ocala Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Office and logistics companies such as Amazon, R&L Logistics, ABCO Transportation, Cone Distributing, Fed Ex and Dollar Tree) as well as statewide partner FleetForce Truck Driving Company.

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?

Reversion of funds 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