



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1194

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

4. Project/Program Description

The National Flight Academy will continue to innovate and inspire students in STEM fields by using funding from the State of Florida to maintain and expand the educational programs and opportunities through the unique Naval Aviation themed immersive experience on board the simulated training carrier AMBITION. Funding will be used to update and enhance existing programs and technology, maintain critical IT infrastructure and equipment and fund salaries for personnel vital to program delivery.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	521,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	521,500

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)	521,500	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	521,500	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	521,500	100	No

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.

NFA would need to solicit private donations and other grant opportunities.

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

Yes



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

The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation received a total of \$2.0 million for the CARES Act PPP loan. The entire \$2.0 million was forgiven.

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?

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	A portion of funding will be used to support delivery of program objectives through staffing of key positions directly responsible for program continuity, curriculum development, program management and program delivery to students.	170,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	A portion of funding will be utilized to support delivery of program objectives through the purchase of key equipment and materials.	75,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services will be utilized to support program enhancement and modification, possible development of new curricula and to provide contract on site medical support.	276,500
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		521,500

14. Program Performance

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



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The goal of the National Flight Academy's program is to inspire and engage students in STEM fields through the delivery of immersive and innovative educational programs that highlight the value of various technical career pathways. The funds will be used to enhance and update existing programming and ensure the viability of technology that supports program delivery.

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

The project will involve the delivery of existing program offerings aboard NFA's simulated aircraft carrier AMBITION. The existing programming will be updated and refreshed to maintain its position as a unique world class immersive experience ensuring Florida students are exposed to a wide range of career and technical fields. The immersive experience is meant to inspire and challenge students to explore further education and careers in STEM fields.

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

Educational program services will be provided to Florida students and educators through this project.

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

The target population is rising 7th graders through rising 12th graders (ages 11-17). with an added focus on at risk youth. NFA anticipates serving in excess of 1500 students in FY24-25.

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

The National Flight Academy performs educational assessments on all students participating in the 6-day Deployment program. NFA utilizes these assessments to determine students baseline STEM knowledge at the beginning and end of the program week to measure retention of knowledge and effectiveness of instructional content. Pre and post test data are compiled and analyzed to check for improved outcomes each week. Data is also collected through alumni surveys in an effort to track NFA graduate educational and career aspirations and outcomes.

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?

In addition to penalties stipulated in the contract, contracting agency will not be considered for future contracts if they fail to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract.

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