



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3314

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construct new hangar for hands-on training and 4 additional classrooms for CTC's FAA-certified Airline Maintenance Training School to meet growing student enrollment and aviation industry demand for airline mechanics and aviation support professionals. State funding is essential to keep costs low and tuition affordable for students. Graduates will serve NAICS codes 336411, 336413, 488190, 611512. 400 aviation and aerospace firms within 100 miles and over 2,000 in Florida.

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	5,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,500,000

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)	5,500,000	27%
Matching Funds		
Federal	6,000,000	29%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	4,200,000	20%
Local	3,500,000	17%
Other	1,500,000	7%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	20,700,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	3,000,000	2286A	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.

At the present time, there is no 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?



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

The Charlotte County Airport Authority received \$27,925,041 in COVID Relief Federal assistance. The funding was used toward operating and personnel expenses.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

June 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

May 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.

When complete, the facility will be owned by the Charlotte County Airport Authority, a special district enabled by the State of Florida,

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	Construction costs for new training hanger, classrooms and parking for students and faculty.	5,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

The Charlotte County Airport Authority (CCAA) is requesting \$5.5 million in State funding for a new combined hangar and classroom facility for Charlotte Technical College's (CTC) FAA-certified Aviation Maintenance Technician School. A larger facility is necessary to meet the aviation industry demand for aircraft mechanics, CTC's growing student enrollment and it's DEO requirement of 750 completers in 10 years (2018-19 Grant). State funding is essential to keep CTC's costs low enough for tuition to remain affordable for students. CCAA will construct the facility and enter into a long-term lease with County Public Schools (CCPS) whereby CCPS will occupy and maintain the facility. This project aims to diversify economic development opportunities in the region, create new and high-quality job candidates, and support a burgeoning aviation industry in Florida.

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

New hangar facility will have 4 classrooms to accommodate up to 100 students at a time & will be located in Punta Gorda Airport's (PGD) new aviation expansion area, which will streamline OJT as it becomes a hub for avionics & aircraft maintenance businesses. CCPS will maximize the facility's space in the evenings with additional tech/vocational/aviation educational opportunities.

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

Florida's 2022-23 regional demand occupation list shows 1,800 vacancies for positions that this program serves. Since program launch in August 2021, 24 students have graduated from CTC's program with an Airframe and/or Powerplant certification from the FAA. 68 students are currently enrolled in some part of the program, showing the tremendous need for space to expand and meet the regional demand.

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

We anticipate the facility will expand the "learn and earn" workforce model and improve re-skilling opportunities for adults currently in the workforce in other occupations. Implement a more seamless entry into the aviation mechanics workforce through an enhanced continuing education course in between graduation, certificate testing and job placement. Provide prep-course assistance before certification tests. Florida's 2022-23 regional demand occupation list has continued to grow with 1,800 vacancies for positions that this program serves. CTC has a baseline of employer verification forms and verification statements that track potential salaries of graduates.

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?

Agreement with state agency would outline timelines, benchmarks and any necessary reporting requirements.

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



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c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Charlotte County Airport Authority is a special district enabled by the State of Florida

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