



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1091

1. Project Title West Technical Education Center – Adult Education & Workforce Development Training Program

2. Senate Sponsor Lori Berman

3. Date of Request 02/03/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Grow the Workforce of the Glades is a phased project with the goal of increasing the labor pool of trained, skilled workers in the areas of Health Science and Transportation. Funds will be utilized to provide scholarships for adult students enrolling in commercial vehicle driving (CVD) and medical programs at West Technical Education, as well as, part-time instructors. The total requested equals \$478,090.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 478,090 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 478,090 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 478,090 | 72% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 182,500 | 28% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 | 660,590 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2022-23 | 0 | 397,288 | 122 | No |

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 400,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Possibility of Federal sources of funding via requests and grants.

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.

SDPBC received federal assistance in the amount of \$35.1 million from the CARES Act (excludes amount earmarked for charter and private schools). However, SDPBC has spent over \$45 million on COVID-related costs in service of bridging the Digital Divide

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

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 | Four (4) part-time instructors for the adult career and technical education programs specifically CVD and medical. | 224,200 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other | Sixty (60) scholarships for training in the medical program (\$132,000) Thirty (30) scholarships for training in the commerical vehicle driving program (\$121,890) | 253,890 |
| 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) | | 478,090 |

14. Program Performance

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



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The goal of this request is to increase the labor pool of trained, skilled workers in the Department of Labor career clusters of Health Science and Transportation. Funds will be utilized to provide scholarships for adult students enrolling in commercial vehicle driving (CVD) and medical programs, as well as, part-time instructors.

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

Funds will be used to provide career development and workforce education directly to citizens. Targeted areas of training are commercial vehicle driving and health sciences.

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

The direct services to be provided are scholarships to attend the commercial vehicle driving and or health sciences training programs at West Technical Education Center

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

The target population for this project is the residents of the Glades Region of Palm Beach County (Belle Glade, South Bay, Pahokee, and Canal Point) that are 18 years or older and are seeking to secure a Commercial Drivers License or a medical science credential such as home health aide, phlebotomist, EKG aide, and or medical assistant to broaden their employment options.

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

Outcome - Short Term: 70% or greater of the scholarship recipients will be employed in-field within 6 months of program completion
Benefit - Long Term: Decreased employment rate of Glades residents which is measured every 5 years
Methodology - Short Term: Recording of employment status upon program entry, completion, and 6 months after completion followed by data comparison to determine impact of participating in the program

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?

Unemployment in the Glades area is typically four to five times higher than the other portions of Palm Beach County. The latest five-year estimates for 2016 – 2020 place South Bay with the lowest unemployment rate among the three communities at 10.7%, followed by Belle Glade at 13.3%, and Pahokee has the highest unemployment rate at 23.8%. Failure to meet the performance measures could result in continued high unemployment rates due to lack of a trained, skilled labor pool.

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)



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☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☒ 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