



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3286

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Capital funding for construction of a 61,000 sq ft, two-story CareerTech School in south Fort Myers, FL. We believe s CareerTech School is a bold, transformative, and practical solution as a viable pathway for a career in the trades. The intent is to help fill the critical workforce gap in the skilled trades including construction, automotive, marine, as well as healthcare, culinary, and early childhood education.

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	20,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	20,000,000

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)	20,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	20,000,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	40,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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.

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.



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\$328,777.72 received
Payroll Protection Plan funding

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?

Sept 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Nov 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.

N/A

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 including site construction and vertical construction.	20,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		20,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

Construction funding of a 61,000 sq ft, two-story CareerTech School in Fort Myers, FL. We believe a CareerTech School is a bold, transformative, and practical solution as a viable pathway for a career in the trades. The intent is to help fill the critical workforce gap in the skilled trades.

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

Certification in the skilled trades including construction trades, automotive, marine, as well as healthcare, culinary, and early childhood education.



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

In addition to the above: financial aid assistance, job placement, academic support, social services, and English as a second language.

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

Target population is adults in SWFL who want to improve or learn the skilled trades. Certifications will be tiered so students can work in their chosen field, while bettering their knowledge and skills for better pay. Over 500 individuals can participate annually in over 55 cohort groups.

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

Program completers obtain credentials needed for employment in targeted skilled trades industries and obtain employment in said fields. Methodology includes capturing data for number of completers gaining employment in credentialed field within 3 months of program completion; and comparison of income levels pre- and post credential obtainment.

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?

Unknown

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
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name	<input type="text" value="NA"/>
b. Firm Name	<input type="text"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text"/>