



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Gulf District Schools Trade Craft Facility Training

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/19/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This project involves the retrofitting and equipping of existing vocational sites to create vocational classrooms and workshops suitable for instruction in welding, pipefitting and fabrication. Wewahitchka High School has a facility once used to teach carpentry. This facility would be renovated and equipped with welding machines and equipment. Port St. Joe High School currently has a welding classroom that has been in existence for more than 25 years. This classroom would be updated and modernized. With the facilities prepared and trained instructors provided, high school students and adults in the community could obtain industry certification in welding and training to make them employable in any number of industries including shipbuilding. Recently obtained long-term contracts by Eastern Shipbuilding and the plans to install a deepwater port in Port St. Joe has created a significant demand for such skills.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?
Department of Education

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
675,000		675,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 675,000



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9. Previous Year Funding Details:

- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

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

The primary goal of the program is to produce high school graduates with industry certification in welding. Plans are underway for the construction of a state-designed deepwater port in the sheltered waters of St. Joseph Bay that will offer direct access to the U. S. Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. It will be adjacent to more than 5,000 acres of undeveloped land ripe for the development of maritime-related businesses not available at land-constrained ports. This port as well as the growing shipbuilding industry in nearby Bay County bodes well for graduates with welding certification and skills. Deseret Cattle & Timber recently acquired large tracts of land in Gulf County and placed job postings for Mechanic/Welder positions. After school hours the facility will be used



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to offer training to the public so that individuals can increase their employability by learning welding basics or honing existing skills. Tuition would be kept a minimum and used only to cover the costs of operation.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Arc-welders plasma cutters, engine welders, TIG welders, stick welders, multi-process welders, MIG & Flux core welders, gas welding and cutting apparatus, welding helmets & safety equipment, welding tools & clamps, welding carts.	425,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering design site preparation, storm water management, utilities, and facility construction	250,000
TOTAL		675,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?



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Trained students who achieve certifications can apply for immediately available shipbuilding or welding jobs. Trained students employed in local shipbuilding industry can earn above minimum wage with healthcare benefits.

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

400-800 people

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

Improved employment prospects and economic outcomes for citizens.

- g. **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 in the contract?**

Reduction of payment.

12. **The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

N/A

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Lori Price
- b. **Organization:** Gulf County District Schools
- c. **Email:** lprice@gulf.k12.fl.us
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)229-6940

14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Gulf County District Schools
- b. **County:** Gulf
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☒ Other (Please specify) School District
- d. **Contact Name:** Lori Price
- e. **E-mail Address:** lprice@gulf.k12.fl.us
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)229-6940

15. **If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm:** None



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c. Email:

d. Phone Number: