



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2233

**1. Title of Project:** Tallahassee NewJobsWorkforce Development Program

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/22/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

The Workforce Development Program is an effort to use community assets to address community issues. The Tallahassee/Big Bend region currently faces high demand and low supply of skilled, local heavy machinery operators. This has impacted the competitiveness of local developers for construction projects and left a critical workforce training, employment, and economic opportunity unaddressed. At the same time, the region anticipates a large number of funded infrastructure projects in the next 3–5 years that will require heavy equipment operators. The City of Tallahassee is leading an effort, driven through partnerships with Leon County and the local School Board– who have agreed to support the city's efforts. The program will impact the economic development of the region by providing low-barrier opportunity to unemployed individuals with a desire to work in the construction field and creating local well-paid jobs with a median annual income of \$46,080.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	688,313
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>688,313</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	688,313	52.48%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	623,344	47.52%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>1,311,657</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

**9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No



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#### 10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits (nonrecurring).	73,748
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Trainer costs, 126 hrs (28 trainings) per student (nonrecurring).	566,520
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment (nonrecurring).	48,045
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>688,313</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

Provide access to workforce training in high-demand areas for immediate employment in the region. Increase the competitiveness of unemployed talent seeking immediately productive jobs. The local business community will benefit from an increase in the local talent pool of heavy equipment operators that can be hired for local, well-paid construction projects in the region.

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

The program would provide classroom and hands-on vocational training to local residents. It would utilize existing municipal facilities, equipment, and employees to train and/or facilitate training on heavy equipment after work hours to not impact the operation of regular municipal services. The city has partnered with Lively Technical College, a vocational school in the region, to develop the curriculum for the training program.

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

Citizens will be provided with direct training to learn how to operate heavy machinery, including but not limited to: hydraulic excavators, backhoes, bulldozers, wheel loaders, road/motor graders, forklifts, and hydraulic truck cranes.

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

Individuals who are unemployed, or transitioning careers, and who are interested in becoming heavy equipment operators. The program currently anticipates enrolling 30 students annually, but could accommodate more based on workforce needs.

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



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#### will be measured?

Facilitate the creation of well-paid jobs in our region, especially for individuals who are unemployed, without a high school diploma, or changing careers. The methodology by which this outcome will be measured is through changes in economic indicators by trade/income bracket from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, local universities, other governmental agencies, and by data collected through 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 in the contract?**

Reimbursement of funds if program is not implemented.

**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.**

City of Tallahassee

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- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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