



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2350

1. **Title of Project:** Astronaut High School New Welding Program

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Tom Wright

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/13/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Brevard County is in desperate need for certified welders, not only as welders specifically but to work in more than 500 manufacturing companies who also need welding skills to support the space industry on our coast. To meet the demand in Brevard County as well as the surrounding counties, Brevard Public Schools is planning to add a Welding Technology program at Astronaut High School in Titusville. These funds will be used to renovate an existing CTE lab to convert it into a Welding Technology Lab and to purchase equipment necessary to meet program standards. We have an estimate for the lab renovation as well as the required equipment for approximately \$1,000,000.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	88.89%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	125,000	11.11%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	125,000	100.0%

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

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment - List Provided	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction renovation	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

These funds will be used to renovate an existing CTE lab to convert it into a Welding Technology Lab and to purchase equipment necessary to meet program standards.

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

Brevard Public Schools will contract with a construction company to renovate an existing lab so that it can be used for a Welding Technology Program. We will also purchase welding equipment aligned to the state's curriculum standards. To make the best decisions regarding this program, key individuals will visit other Welding programs around the state to look for best practices.

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

All students in Brevard Public Schools and surrounding counties will be able to attend Astronaut High and specifically this program. In addition, the Space Coast Manufacturing base will have a pool of trained individuals to fill their skilled positions.

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 high school students. Our goal is to have 150 students in the program. The other target population is our manufacturing businesses who are begging for employees who are certified welders.

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

The benefit will be to fill the employment gap for manufacturers who need individuals who are able to weld. Our target is to graduate at least 25 certified welders each year and will be measured each year in May, after the program is in full operation.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard



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penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

If we fail to meet our deliverables, we would be willing to give the equipment to another program or repay the funds used to purchase.

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.

Brevard Public Schools will have a facility renovation to an existing high school as well as new equipment. The list of equipment and projected lab renovation are included with this request

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

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 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
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 - Other (Please specify)
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