



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2322

1. **Project Title** Osceola County and City of St. Cloud Innovative Training Center

2. **Senate Sponsor** Victor Torres

3. **Date of Request** 11/06/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

The City of St Cloud, in cooperation with the Osceola Board of County Commission and Osceola County School Board, proposes to create an innovative, accelerated, responsive, and competency-based technical workforce program that meets the manufacturing industry's skill requirements for welding. The coordinated effort will bring welding training, classrooms, and labs to train laborers for high paying jobs. The project will provide well-skilled trained labor to a fast growing regional job demand.

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

State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	858,282
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,141,718
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3000000	86.0 %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	500,000	14 %
Other	00	0 %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>3,500,000</b>	<b>100 %</b>

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2322

**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	Salaries will be used to hire non-instructional staff.	35,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds will be used to purchase welding equipment for 30 work stations with positive ventilation systems, computer labs for two classrooms, and classroom furniture for four classrooms.	781,282
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries will be used to hire instructional staff.	42,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used for capital improvements to retrofit and update an existing building, which will include a fully functional welding bay with 30 work booths and four fully functioning classrooms.	2,141,718
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		3,000,000



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2322

#### 11. Program Performance

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

The city is working in partnership with the Osceola Technical Education Center (OTEC), Osceola School Board, and Osceola County (OLE) to bring technical training opportunities to the residents of the city. This program would provide for an advanced welding educational program to be located in St. Cloud, providing workforce viability and workforce development in the region. The program would prepare students for jobs listed on the 100 fastest growing occupations list, with a projected 19.4% growth rate and over 1,000 new jobs expected by 2028.

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

Funds will be used to create welding labs, purchase simulators, and create an in-classroom experience at a local technical program level. The welding program will be approximately 1,200 clock hours of student time and can be completed in approximately one year. The program will provide training for advanced manufacturing jobs, utilizing state-of-the-art welding equipment, hybrid learning, welding units, simulation technologies, and open education resources.

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

This project is a job training initiative in the City of St. Cloud and would provide for an advanced welding educational program. The project will improve job training opportunities for higher paying manufacturing and infrastructure construction jobs for the citizens who reside in the area, providing workforce viability and workforce development in the region.

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

The target population is students that are career-ready and are looking to acquire skills in preparation to pursue careers in welding. The anticipated enrollment for the Welding Technology Program is 30 students and will correlate with a ten-month instruction time for a full-time student, the equivalent to one school year. All students would be required to complete the hours of the program regardless of when they entered the program.

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

The growing demand and request for a larger labor pool has encouraged the City of St. Cloud to participate with the local workforce organizations, colleges, technical schools, and county government to start a welding program. The coordinated effort will bring welding training, classrooms, and labs to train laborers for high paying jobs which will supply well-skilled trained labor to a fast growing, regionally demanded job.

- 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?

None.



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2322

12. **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.**

The City of St. Cloud owns the building that will be retrofitted and updated.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.