



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1395

1. Project Title West Technical Education Center - Adult Ed & Workforce Development Training Program

2. Senate Sponsor Tina Polsky

3. Date of Request 01/26/2021

4. Project/Program Description

This year's focus is on the continuation of the adult Commercial Vehicle Driving program that was established with the \$250K awarded from the Governor's Contingency Fund during the 2019-2020 school year. The program was placed on hiatus for retooling in September 2020. The Glades Career Readiness Roundtable, with the support of the School District of Palm Beach County, is seeking funding to reconstitute the program at West Tech. The funding would support the hiring of instructional personnel for the CVD program; the purchase of needed programmatic equipment such as tractors and trailers; and, fund an upgrade to the technological infrastructure of the facility which is needed in this era of virtual learning.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	373,872
Fixed Capital Outlay	52,985
Total State Funds Requested	426,857

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	426,857	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	426,857	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20	0	250,000	127	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 550,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Possibility of Federal sources of funding via requests and grants.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

SDPBC received federal assistance in the amount of \$35.1 million from the CARES Act (excludes amount earmarked for charter and private schools). However, SDPBC has spent over \$45 million on COVID-related costs thus far in service of bridging the Digital Divide and reopening brick and mortar campuses (representing a \$10 million shortfall) related to cleaning, sanitation, and PPE alone total \$16.3 million to-date, with the total cost projected to reach \$29.6 million by year's end.

11. 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	To employ two full time commercial vehicle driving instructors	140,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	To purchase two tractor and two trailers for use as training vehicles on the range and the road. To wrap and brand the vehicles	233,872
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	To address technology infrastructure specifically the electronics and the wireless network in the building which is needed given that a portion of the instruction is provided in a virtual environment due to COVID-19	52,985
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		426,857

12. Program Performance

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

The specific goal of this funding request is to enhance and increase the career and technical training offerings in the Glades Region of Palm Beach County for adult students specifically in the area of Commercial Vehicle Driving (CVD) and to improve technology access to support on-line, synchronous instruction that is imperative for instruction during the current health crisis.

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

Students enrolling in the CVD program will receive 320 hours of instruction in operating commercial vehicle and upon completion will take the required state examination to secure a State of Florida CDL Class A Operators license. The 320 hours will consist of 160 hours of on-line, synchronous instruction; 40 hours of in class face-to-face instruction in a safe, socially distanced manner; and 120 hours of behind the wheel experiences on the range and road in a one-on-one format.

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

West Technical Education Center will provide 320 hours of instruction in the content area and will collaborate with other agencies within the region such as CareerSource to assist with providing services such as scholarships, career counseling, support services, and job placement assistance.

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



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The target population for this project is the residents of the Glades Region of Palm Beach County (Belle Glade, South Bay, Pahokee, Canal Point) that are 18 years or older and seeking to secure a CDL Class A license to broaden their employment options.

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

Outcome - Short Term:

70% or greater in-field employment rates measured within 6 months of program completion.

Methodology - Short Term: Recording of employment status upon program entry, completion, and 6 months after completion followed by data comparison to determine impact of participating in the program.

Benefit - Long Term:

Decreased employment rate of Glades residents which is measured every 5 years

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?

None

13. 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.

West Technical Education Center is wholly owned and operated by the School District of Palm Beach County.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number