



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2062

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construct a new hangar and classroom facility for CTC's FAA-certified AMT School to meet growing student enrollment and aviation industry demand for aircraft mechanics. CTC's program launched in August 2021 and a larger facility is necessary to meet DEO requirement of 750 completers in 10 years (2018-19 Job Growth Grant Fund grant). State funding is essential to keep CTC's costs low enough for tuition to remain affordable for students. This project aims to diversify economic development opportunities in the region, create new and high-quality jobs, and support a burgeoning aviation industry in Florida.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	25%
Matching Funds		
Federal	6,000,000	49%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,200,000	10%
Local	500,000	4%
Other	1,500,000	12%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	12,200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

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



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

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design and engineering services for hangar and classroom facility, entrance/exit and parking lot (\$400,000) Construction costs for new hangar and classroom facility, entrance/exit and parking lot (\$2.6 million)	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

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

New hangar facility will have 4 classrooms to accommodate up to 100 students at a time and will be located in Punta Gorda Airport's (PGD) new aviation expansion area, which will streamline OJT training as it becomes a hub for avionics and aircraft maintenance businesses. CCAA will construct the facility and enter into a long-term lease with Charlotte County Public Schools (CCPS) whereby CCPS will occupy and maintain the facility at the land-lease rate, at less cost than its existing facility.

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

The U.S. aviation industry is facing a technical worker shortage that threatens to undermine the growth and competitiveness of one of the most important sectors of the economy. The aviation industry is necessary for mobility of people and goods and for the safety of civil aviation aircraft. Graduates will serve as technicians for NAICS codes 336411, 336413, 488190, and 611512. Within a 50-mile radius, 140 firms are engaged in aircraft manufacturing, engine and parts, and aerospace and air transportation. There are over 400 aviation firms within 100 miles and over 2,000 in the State of Florida.

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



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CTC's AMT School is open to all adults, veterans, high-school dropouts, and high school students over the age of 16 with a desire to obtain occupational skills necessary for employment as a certified airframe and powerplant mechanic. Once the facility is complete, CTC will expect to have 50 graduates each year. CTC is also partnering with Florida Southwestern State College to offer the Associate in Science (AS) in Aviation Administration Management as an articulated pathway for graduates following attainment of their program certificate with CTC.

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

Increase economic sufficiency in order to maximize graduates earnings and earn a higher living wage. CTC will track graduating students' job placement, salaries, and attainment of master credentials. CTC and CCAA will also measure the number and quality of new aviation, avionics, and aircraft maintenance companies that come to PGD with CTC's program as an attributing factor. Measure CTC's impact on the regional demand occupation list. Measure the number of employer verification forms and verification statements. CTC will measure completion, placement, and licensure and report to the Council on Occupational Education. Recruit and measure participation from aviation employers in the post-graduation period to place interns and full-time positions. Survey students' occupations and salaries pre and post graduation to measure improvement in earnings. CTC will evaluate effectiveness of "learn and earn" model through success rate of graduates through certificate completions and job placements.

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?

Agreement with state agency would outline timelines, benchmarks, and any necessary reporting requirements. Standard contract penalties will be sufficient.

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.

The facility will become an extension campus for CTC, and CCAA will enter into a long-term lease at the land-lease rate with Charlotte County Public Schools (CCPS). Of \$500,000 local funds, CCAA will pay for the estimated \$250,000 parking lot and CCPS will contribute approximately \$250,000 for FF&E to make the facility classroom ready.



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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