



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1692

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Through partnerships with St. Petersburg nonprofits, Codeboxx identifies and supports high-potential, nontraditional students who might not otherwise connect with coding schools and technology training. CodeBoxx helps address the region's pressing need for tech talent while enabling people to move from low-wage to higher-paying jobs. Building wealth via better paying jobs is the path to a better future in the Tampa Bay region.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	83%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	50,000	17%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	300,000	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.

The State's contribution will be matched by over \$50,000+ in local and private contributions, helping to leverage funding from private donors and corporate partners that will pay to support the students until they graduate.

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.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Campus Director - 4 cohorts	55,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Cohort Lead + Cohort Mentor 4 cohorts	70,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Support services for 4 cohorts @ \$35k each 15 Students Minimum each Cohort Technology purchases - laptops provided to students at no charge	125,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

14. Program Performance

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

To connect unemployed and low-wage workers to training for a career in the technology sector. This pilot project will prioritize candidates who show potential for success in tech but who face a variety of challenges to upskilling that can be overcome with the right support. This will address a market need for trained technologists from nontraditional backgrounds and create opportunities for Tampa Bay residents who are too often excluded from high-wage careers and the opportunity to build wealth and security for their families.



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

Codeboxx provides a 16-week accelerated training program covering in-demand technology tools, languages, and practices. The program also balances cutting-edge coding skills with soft skills, including collaboration, leadership, and teamwork. Additionally, CodeBoxx aspires to be a major player in training metaverse developers, attracting young people who aspire to be part of the burgeoning entertainment, experiential and virtual tech metaverse industries.

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

State funding would support four in-person and/or online technology boot camps with cohorts of 16-25 Tampa Bay residents each, for a total of up to 100 trained technologists who are equipped to hit the ground running and get the job done at a lower price point than university graduates. Funding would support student services and wrap-around support to enable them to attend school full-time without the burden of outside life expenses.

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

Students of Opportunity. This program will prioritize candidates who show potential for success in tech but who face a variety of challenges to upskilling that can be overcome with the right support. The very residents who need to take advantage of education, training, and workforce development opportunities and often lack the resources and support infrastructure to take advantage of these pathways to higher-paying jobs.

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

Of the 200+ CodeBoxx graduates to date, 85% have been placed in jobs immediately upon graduation in partner companies such as eBay, Humana, and even CodeBoxx itself. State funding would support four in-person and/or online technology boot camps with cohorts of 16-25 Tampa Bay residents each, for a total of up to 100 trained technologists who are equipped to hit the ground running and get the job done.

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?

Funding for program deliverables not met will be returned to the state.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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



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University or College

Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number