



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1270

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In collaboration with CodeBoxx Academy, community partners, and employers, the CodeBoxx Foundation addresses Tampa Bay's pressing need for skilled tech talent and creates pathways for individuals to transition from low-wage jobs to high-paying careers in technology. State funding would support a comprehensive technology training initiative in the Tampa Bay area, focusing on underemployed and underrepresented individuals. This initiative encompasses multiple in-person and/or online technology boot camps; a specialized tech training cohort focused on South St. Petersburg; AI course development; Cybersecurity training programs; and specialized courses in other highly sought-after tech careers. The initiative will also support the personnel needed to provide essential wrap-around services including career training, job placement, ongoing mentor support and case management for students, ensuring comprehensive support throughout their training.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	59%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	350,000	41%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>850,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	350,000	125	No

9. Is future-year 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.

In lieu of state funding, CodeBoxx will utilize grants, fundraising, and workshop/program revenue.



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### Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

**10. Status of Construction**

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

**11. 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.**

**12. 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	Campus Director	80,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Program Manager	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Wrap around Support, Student Support, technology needs, Learning Management systems, travel, supplies	257,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Teachers, mentors, cohort leads	112,500
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

In collaboration with CodeBoxx Academy and other community-focused institutions, the CodeBoxx Foundation addresses Tampa Bay's pressing need for skilled tech talent. CodeBoxx's accelerated training programs give participants hands-on experience with in-demand technology tools, programming languages, and industry practices. Graduates leave the program equipped with the tools necessary to meet the workforce demands of the region's top startups and established businesses and with access to transformative career pathways and economic mobility.

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



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CodeBoxx will provide 8-10 boot camps with cohorts of 20-25 participants each, leading to immediate employment and long-term financial security for over 200 +/- Tampa residents (85% of CodeBoxx graduates who have completed the program have been placed in jobs immediately upon graduation at partner companies such as eBay, Humana, Spontivly Bedrock, iDimension, RevStar, and even CodeBoxx).

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

200+ individuals will be equipped to enter the technology workforce supported by essential wrap-around services including career training, job placement, ongoing mentor support and case management, ensuring comprehensive support throughout their training.

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

This initiative is designed to prioritize candidates with the potential for success in the tech industry but face various obstacles in upskilling. These individuals often need more resources and support systems to access pathways leading to higher-paying jobs. The program aims to bridge this gap by providing the right support and assistance to help them overcome these challenges and seize the opportunities available. Over 200 individuals are expected to be trained to enter the workforce through this project. Expected to host 8-10 boot camps with cohorts of 20-25 Tampa Bay residents each and a specialized tech training cohort focused on South St. Petersburg, addressing local community needs with an expected 15-20 students in the cohort.

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

CodeBoxx anticipates that state funding would provide immediate employment leading to long-term financial security for over 200+ Tampa Bay residents. This outcome will be measured through employment placement of students. To date, over 250 CodeBoxx graduates have completed the program, with 85% placed in jobs immediately upon graduation at partner companies such as eBay, Humana, Spontivly Bedrock, iDimension, RevStar, and even CodeBoxx itself.

**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?**

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met would be returned to the state.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**  No

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:**



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b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

**17. Requester Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

**18. 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  Ext.

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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