



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1426

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The requested funds will support workforce innovation & career development for individuals with intellectual & developmental differences, empowering these individuals to achieve meaningful employment, enhance economic self-sufficiency, earn competitive wages, and contribute to their community. Programs will improve quality of education by enhancing vocational training in career tracks, increase economic activity by preparing individuals to fill workforce gaps, and create job opportunities.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	390,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	390,000

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)	390,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	188,972	11%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,125,723	66%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,704,695	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	340,000	246A	No

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

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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



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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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	A portion of the salary for the Chief Programs Officer, who provides strategic leadership and administrative oversight for all workforce and employment programs, ensuring effective implementation and alignment with organizational goals.	30,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for six full-time program staff members dedicated to delivering comprehensive support and training within workforce and employment programs.	360,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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)		390,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The funds will support Career Campus and Triumph Industries, empowering individuals with intellectual and developmental differences (IDD) to gain vocational skills, achieve meaningful employment, and attain economic self-sufficiency through training, education, and paid work opportunities. By providing comprehensive vocational training, paid employment opportunities, and ongoing support, this project aims to address these challenges, fostering economic self-sufficiency, stability, and community integration.

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

The funds will support two key programs: Career Campus and Triumph Industries, offering person-centered services to individuals with intellectual and developmental differences (IDD). Career Campus will provide career-focused education and vocational training in fields such as hospitality, culinary arts, entrepreneurship, and pet care. Participants will earn industry-recognized certifications, receive workforce readiness training, and gain hands-on experience through internships and on-the-job trainings. Triumph Industries will offer paid employment opportunities in a supportive environment with competitive wages. Additional services include financial literacy education, mental health and well-being support, pop-up employment teams, small group employment options, and job coaching. Participants will also engage in experiential learning and team-building activities to promote self-determination and economic stability.

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

The project will provide vocational training through Career Campus, including certifications in fields like hospitality, culinary arts, and pet care, and paid employment at Triumph Industries in a supportive work environment. Participants will receive individualized career planning, internships, on-the-job training and workforce readiness services. Additional services include community employment placements with job coaching, mental health support, and experiential learning opportunities like volunteer projects and pop-up employment teams.

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

The target population includes individuals with intellectual and developmental differences (IDD), which includes those with Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, and general intellectual disabilities, many of whom are low-income and disproportionately affected by systemic barriers. This population experiences higher rates of poverty, unemployment, abuse, neglect, mental health conditions, and social isolation. The project is expected to serve 75 individuals annually, offering them tools to overcome obstacles and achieve greater independence.

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

Expected outcomes include improved quality of education, increased economic activity, creation of immediate job opportunities, and enhanced economic self-sufficiency for individuals with IDD. These will be measured by tracking enrollment, certifications, job placements, earnings, and feedback from participants and employers.

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?

Corrective action plans and/or financial consequences will be required for noncompliance, nonperformance, unacceptable performance or failure to meet the minimum level of service or performance under the contract.

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?



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

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

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



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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

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.