



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1703

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This program is the catalyst that bridges the employment and education gap. will recruit and train a Cohort of 15 historically underrepresented individuals bi-annually (young adults aging out of the foster care system, veterans, Native Americans, etc.) for the BLT's Way Maker Manufacturing Technician Program. Our unique work-study program is a 16-week interpersonal & technical skills training program. This program gives participants the opportunity to establish careers and long term employment success by getting them entry into the workforce. Upon successful completion of the interpersonal skills & technical phase, Program participants will be interviewed at various manufacturing companies and gain employment.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	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 2025-2026	200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Corporate Funding, Crowd Funding, SBA Grants and Loans



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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	The Project Director will continue to serve as the face of the program and provide representation and leadership of the program on a daily basis within the program, the community and at the state level. The Project Director will solicit manufacturing and other linked companies for joint venture ship to expand the program. The PD will closely collaborate w/ the team and monitor the program status	50,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	travel, mileage, computers, Internet services, phones, printers, website, presentation supplies/staff training and back up equipment	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Bookkeeper, Auditor, and appropriations manager, data reviewer and Key Performance Indicator Data Analyst	25,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	e mentors, pt-time instructors will have the ability to use hybrid learning (must be in class for labs), some classes can be bi-lingual (English/Spanish), coach, pt time program manager, Canvas personnel, Recruitment of 20 participants bi-annually for attrition.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	laptops, video equipment, external hard drives, Computers, Field trips tablets, Insurance, Liability Coverage, Transportation, Rent, utilit, misc., marketing/advertising recruiting, software for Z space computers and Mechatronics Training Systems, these systems will be rented and Bluegrass Educational Technologies materials, including materials for projects purchased, maintain and update website	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Content Development (inclusive of behavioral counselor's insights) Webinars English/Spanish Consultant, Writing Group Consultant, Assessment & Evaluation Consultant, Skill Sets In Work Development, training on Z space software and Mechatronics Training Systems, these systems will allow for program sustainability, security and space at the NE FL Safety Council	25,000



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Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

13. Program Performance

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

Through our unique program participant work-study model, BLT's Way Maker Manufacturing Workforce Technician Training has the ability to educate, upskill and mentor participants throughout the process and chart their own path to personal, professional and financial independence.

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

Activities include role play, integrated real world manufacturing simulations, mechatronics lab for electrical training, process and safety training, tours of automated manufacturing facilities, brainstorming sessions, group discussions and problem solving activities

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

Workforce Development Training, learning by doing, coaching and employment.

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

30 individuals whom have had limited access to opportunities.

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

Benefits include employment, education and training. These benefits will increase Florida's economy and continue to increase the GSP of Florida. Methodologies used include, Lean Six Sigma, Compliance, Electrical Training and safety procedures.

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?

The Way Maker Workforce Training strategy is based on SMART Goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Timely) and Agile Methodologies. After the plan is deployed; we have the ability to review and go back and make adjustments. We therefore re-evaluate what is working and what adjustments need to be made. We ensure the delivery of performance schedules are realistic. We use guidelines of CFR and understand if schedules are not met contracts can be terminated.

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



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- 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
- University or College



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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.