



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2081

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

CDL Consortium partners with state and technical colleges to provide training to fill the 12,000-driver shortage in Florida, while protecting our supply chain with well-trained drivers.

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	5,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	5,500,000

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)	5,500,000	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	5,500,000	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	3,000,000	128	No

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.

Federal and local funds.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction



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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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Tuition costs to train up to 700 new drivers at any of the partnering institutions within the CDL Consortium (5,150,000). Additional 6% overhead costs to be disbursed through partnering institutions (\$350,000).	5,500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

Currently, Florida has 12,000 CDL jobs that remain unfilled throughout the state.

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

Funds provide tuition and training grants for students to train and earn their CDL license at one of ten CDL Consortium locations throughout the state, resulting in multiple job offers in a high demand field while also boosting Florida's economy.

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



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Tuition grants for CDL training.

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

Unemployed or under-employed with emphasis on economically disadvantaged, former incarcerated individuals, and Veterans.

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

Supply Chain Protection: Training additional truck drivers can help to avoid supply chain shortages due by ensuring timely and efficient delivery of essential goods and supplies.

Per the Florida Chamber Foundation Future of Work report released in December, Heavy and Tractor Trailer Drivers are listed as #3 in the Top 30 High Demand Careers Statewide for 2032. Ensuring funds for training to increase the number of available drivers now helps to prepare for the future workforce need that is projected to rapidly increase over the next seven years.

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?

Return of a pro-rata portion of the awarded funds should the CDL Consortium fail to meet the established deliverables and performance measures, such as the training of a set number of drivers, serves as a penalty for non-compliance and ensures the responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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#:

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



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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

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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