



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2293

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

George T. Baker Aviation Technical College will continue to elevate and amplify the quality of aviation education in Miami-Dade County. The equipment requested will support this specialized training for individuals keen on pursuing careers in aviation maintenance, aerospace, electronics, and avionics. The project aims to enhance aviation career opportunities by providing the tools and training students will need.

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                          | 100,000        |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 0              |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>100,000</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)       | 100,000        | 100%        |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                |             |
| Federal  | 0              | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0              | 0%          |
| Local  | 0              | 0%          |
| Other  | 0              | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b> | <b>100,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year<br>(YYYY-YY) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | Nonrecurring |                             |        |
|                          |           |              |                             |        |

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.

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



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**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                    |   | 0              |
| Other Salary and Benefits  |   | 0              |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |   | 0              |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |   | 0              |
| <b>Operational Costs</b>   |   |                |
| Salary and Benefits  |   | 0              |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                | High-quality sheet metal shop equipment to support the airframe and power-plant program and aircraft reciprocating engines and/or turbines. | 100,000        |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |   | 0              |
| <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>100,000</b> |

**13. Program Performance**

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

George T. Baker Aviation Technical College will continue to elevate and amplify the quality of aviation education in Miami-Dade County. The equipment requested will support this specialized training for individuals keen on pursuing careers in aviation maintenance, aerospace, electronics, and avionics. The project aims to enhance aviation career opportunities by providing the tools and training students will need.

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



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High school students can benefit from dual-enrollment programs, while post-secondary offerings place significant emphasis on the highly regarded Air Traffic Controller and Private Pilot Ground School programs. Moreover, programs will cover areas such as Aviation Airframe Mechanics, Aviation Power-plant Mechanics, Aerospace, and Avionics. Funding the needed equipment would support these initiatives.

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

High-quality sheet metal equipment and aircraft engines play a vital role in aircraft manufacturing, maintenance, and performance, ensuring safety and efficiency in the aerospace industry. Dual-enrolled students will gain hands-on experience in aviation assembly, avionics, and aircraft maintenance, while post-secondary students explore specialized fields such as Air Traffic Control and Avionics.

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

Approximately 800 high school students, post-secondary students, jobless/at-risk/economically disadvantaged persons, and all others interested in entering the aviation industry will be served by this project.

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

The expected outcomes are to improve the quality of education and create job opportunities in the aviation and aerospace sectors. Students can pursue careers aligned with their training, such as Air Traffic Control, Avionics Systems, Drone Maintenance and Piloting, Private Pilot Ground School Theory, and Airframe and Power-plant Mechanics. This will be measured by program enrollment, program completion, job placement rates, licensure attainment, and FAA Norms Reports.

**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?**

Denial of future funds.

**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:**



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**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) School Board of Miami-Dade

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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