



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2517

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a 40,623 GSF facility in Daytona Beach to house certificate and AS degree programs in Aviation Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics. Trains students in FAA-approved program that fills a huge demand for aircraft mechanics. In partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, students will be able to articulate to the BS in Aviation Maintenance or go directly to work. Partially funded by Legislature in 2024-25.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	17,251,578
Total State Funds Requested	17,251,578

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)	17,251,578	90%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	10%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	19,251,578	100%

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	6,128,448	17	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.

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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	Construction of a 40,623 GSF facility in Daytona Beach to house certificate and AS degree programs in Aviation Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics. Trains students in FAA-approved program that fills a huge demand for aircraft mechanics and supports local industry.	17,251,578
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		17,251,578

13. Program Performance

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

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



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Training programs in Aviation Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics will prepare students to enter the high-demand field of aircraft maintenance. Programs will include two college-credit certificates and an associate of science degree. Students will be able to articulate seamlessly into Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's BS in Aviation Maintenance Science or go directly to work.

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

Educated workers who graduate ready to work in high demand, high paying jobs in the aviation and manufacturing industries, including those on the Space Coast. The program will continue to bring new businesses to the region and state. Job demand shows 11% growth in our region over the next eight years.

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

The Airframe and Powerplant programs will provide high-demand, high-wage job opportunities to up to 400 students, and will act as a component of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's BS in Aviation Maintenance. Student can go directly to work after earning the certificate or AS degree or can proceed to the BS program at ERAU. Average wage is approximately \$30/hour.

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

The benefit will be graduates in the high demand, high paying field of aviation mechanics. Enrollment and graduation rates are measured for all of DSC's programs.

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?

Reversion of funds.

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#:

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)

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



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d. Phone Number

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