



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2525

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project will provide underemployed and under-served communities opportunities for gainful careers in gas, hybrid, and electric vehicle repair by developing, piloting, and launching a training ecosystem. The workforce ecosystem will be designed for training, on-the-job support, reference and micro-learning. It will support up-skilling the current and new workforce. It will provide high wage jobs and an opportunity for a middle class lifestyle through servicing and maintaining our sophisticated vehicles.

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	3,150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,150,000</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)	3,150,000	95%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	150,000	5%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>3,300,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**

Federal grants, philanthropic endowments and charitable contributions.



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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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Oversight of curriculum development, platform development, ASE certification, non-profit partnerships, marketing, recruiting, scholarship awards, student training and student placement. Total administration for several facilities (across fourteen counties in Central Florida)	150,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Marketing, advertising, and promotion, Engage media partners for value add advertising and promotion. GetThereFlorida, CareerSource. (across fourteen counties in Central Florida)	300,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	EV Curriculum Development Platform Development and Hosting, VR/AR, special equipment, licensing ASE Certification	700,000
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Two full-time recruiters / job placement mentors (includes salaries and benefits, and travel) and Three full-time automotive technology instructors/ mentors (includes salaries and benefits) (across fourteen counties in Central Florida)	400,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Workforce placement Scholarships Small business Workforce Development grants for On-The-Job training Training equipment and tools for several facilities (across fourteen counties in Central Florida) Facility use/ rental allowance for multiple facilities across fourteen counties in Central Florida.	1,300,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Nonprofit partnerships with organizations serving underserved/ underrepresented populations and veterans (across fourteen counties in Central Florida) ) Fire Department partnership (across fourteen counties in Central Florida)	300,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>	<b>3,150,000</b>
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**13. Program Performance**

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

Our vision is to provide underemployed, underserved, and underrepresented communities opportunities for gainful careers in gas, hybrid, and electric vehicle repair by developing, piloting, and launching a training ecosystem. The workforce ecosystem will be designed for training, on-the-job support, reference, and micro-learning. It will support up-skilling the current and new workforce. At the end of the training, students receive a credential that certifies successful program completion and workforce readiness.

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

An automotive training platform will provide theoretical training on how to safely maintain and repair gas, hybrid, and electric vehicles. The theoretical learning will be followed by hands-on practice at a business. Students will complete on-the-job training before becoming certified techs. The Automotive Service Excellence organization will provide a credentialing support.

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

Young adults, veterans, and individuals seeking a career in gas, hybrid, and electric vehicle technology can receive training and certification to pursue a career as an auto tech. Funding is necessary to meet the unique and immediate need for effective and affordable training that allows under-served, underemployed, and underrepresented populations to enter a long-term lucrative career in sophisticated transportation.

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

The target population include: jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, high school students, veterans, persons currently seeking skilled work. The expected amount of individuals to be served is greater than 400 persons.

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

Expected benefits are: improvement of physical and mental health as measured by consistent employment and career growth. Enriching cultural experiences, measured by program completion and job placement. Improved outlook on transportation conditions, measured by servicing and maintaining sophisticated vehicles. Increased or improved economic activity, measured by job placement. Increased tourism, measured by improved visitor satisfaction. Continues to promote Florida's reputation as a tech state with high wage employment.

**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?**

This project will provide underemployed, under-served, and underrepresented communities opportunities for gainful careers in electric vehicle repair by developing, piloting, and launching a training ecosystem. The workforce ecosystem will be designed for training, on-the-job support, reference and micro learning. It will support up-skilling the current and new workforce. If milestones are not met, the funds for renewal the following year should be held until the deliverables are met.

**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):**



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**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
- 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)



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- 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**

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