



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2564

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The goal is to train workers for the space coast area of Florida. This will be accomplished by creating an Aviation Engineering STEM academy with clear alignment from K-12 to the workforce in order to meet the demands of service areas that are plagued by unfilled professional positions. This program would serve as a feeder program to the recently announced Florida University Space Research Consortium, a partnership between KSC, the University of FL, University of Central FL and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

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	337,200
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>337,200</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)	337,200	89%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	43,000	11%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>380,200</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		

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.**



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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	Project Head portion of salary	33,720
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	Start up costs for equipment and supplies for the aviation academy including aviation supplies, simulators and travel expenses for students.	103,480
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contract services for flight hours for students as well as aviation instruction and training.	200,000
<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>337,200</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The goal is to create an Aviation Engineering Academy to be located at Jr.-Sr. High Schools in Putnam County with clear alignment from K-12 to the workforce in order to meet the demands of service areas that are plagued by unfilled professional positions. This program would serve as a feeder program for Florida University Space Research Consortium, a partnership between KSC, the University of Florida, University of Central Florida and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.



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

A 7th-12th grade Aviation Engineering Academy will be located in Putnam County and will include courses in general aviation in conjunction with the Florida University Space Research Consortium / Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University as well as Florida State standards. Equipment and supplies will be purchased to start the program as well as flight hours and travel.

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

Students will be trained in the high-demand aviation field so that students are prepared to enter postsecondary programs and the workforce, meeting the professional needs of Putnam County and the Space Coast area of Florida

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

Approximately 401 - 800 students will be highly trained to fill the aviation needs.

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

The expected outcome is that students will attain industry certification and/or credit in high-demand service areas aligned to State of Florida career and technical pathways and Embry-Riddle aeronautics standards.

**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 contracting agency may consider asking for financial reimbursement if students are not enrolled in the academy during a three year period.

**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)

**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

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