



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2894

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction funding of a 63,400 sq ft, two-story CareerTech School in Fort Myers, FL. We believe a CareerTech School is a bold, transformative, and practical solution as a viable pathway for a credentialed career in the trades and healthcare. The intent is to help fill the critical workforce gap in the skilled trades. The first floor will be dedicated to the 'hard labs' including Welding, HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical, Appliance Repair, Marine Engine Repair, and Automobile Engine Repair. The second floor will be dedicated to Healthcare including CNA, LPN, Home Health, Long-term Care, Medical Assisting, and Medical Coding. We have begun the CNA training in partnership with Shell Point Retirement Community at their facility.

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	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	12%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	37,000,000	88%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	42,000,000	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		

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

March 15, 2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

7/31/2026

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

We are eligible for state funding through the Workforce Development Fund, as well as performance based incentives. Additional funding through business and industry sponsorships, programmatic grants, and private donations.

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.

NA

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, including site and vertical construction.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

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



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Certification in the skilled trades including construction trades, automotive, marine, and well as healthcare, culinary, and early childhood education.

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

In addition to the above: financial aid assistance, job placement, academic support, social services, and English as a second language.

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

Target population is adults in SWFL who want to improve or learn the trade skills and healthcare. Certifications will be tiered so students can work in their chosen field, while furthering their knowledge and skills for better pay. Over 500 students can benefit annually in over 55 cohort groups.

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

Program completers obtain credentials needed for employment in targeted skilled trades and healthcare, and obtain employment in said fields. Methodology includes capturing data for number of completers gaining employment in credentialled field within 3 months of program completion; and a comparison of income levels pre- and post credentials obtainment.

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?

Unknown

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:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?



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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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