



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3084

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Southwest Florida Advanced Manufacturing Training Center aims to develop a highly skilled workforce pipeline to attract new manufacturing employers and support current employers. Located near Punta Gorda Airport within the Enterprise Charlotte Airport Park (ECAP), it features cutting-edge equipment, aligns middle and high school programs, and collaborates with Space Florida to support the aerospace industry.

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	1,750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,750,000

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)	1,750,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	800,000	22%
Local	1,000,000	28%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	3,550,000	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.

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	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	These funds will be used to hire instructors and staff to support the advanced manufacturing program.	500,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	These funds will be used to acquire advanced training equipment to support the manufacturing programs, ensuring alignment with industry standards and workforce needs.	1,250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,750,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will facilitate the development of a skilled workforce pipeline, addressing the needs of the aerospace and advanced manufacturing industries. This initiative aims to attract new employers to Southwest Florida while strengthening the region's economic growth and industrial capabilities.

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



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The funds will support the implementation of comprehensive training programs aimed at equipping students with advanced manufacturing skills along with support from the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant. These programs will include the opportunity to earn industry-recognized certifications, ensuring participants are well-prepared to meet current workforce demands. Furthermore, collaboration with industry leaders will ensure that program curricula align with evolving standards, creating a direct pathway from training to employment in advanced manufacturing fields.

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

The appropriation project will provide advanced manufacturing education and comprehensive workforce development services to students and job seekers throughout the region, preparing them for high-demand careers in the manufacturing and aerospace industries.

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

The target population for this project includes post-secondary students seeking advanced manufacturing skills and certifications, as well as job seekers aiming to transition into high-demand careers within the manufacturing and aerospace industries. In its initial year, the program is expected to serve 50-100 individuals annually, with significant potential for growth as the program expands to meet increasing regional workforce demands.

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

The project is expected to deliver significant benefits, including increased job placements, the attainment of industry-recognized certifications, and the attraction of new employers to the region. These outcomes will be measured using a multi-faceted approach that includes tracking enrollment statistics, analyzing job placement rates, and conducting employer satisfaction surveys. Together, these metrics will ensure the program's effectiveness in addressing workforce needs and its alignment with industry demands.

Return on Investment (annual): \$3,732,350 (248%)- \$7,464,700 (497%)
 Estimated annual program completers (50-100) x Florida average salary for careers in advanced manufacturing \$74,647 (Florida Manufacturing Report, 2023).

50 program completers X \$74,647= \$3,732,350
 100 program completers X \$74,647 = \$7,464,700

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?

Suggested penalties include the reduction or withholding of funding for failing to meet key deliverables, such as achieving certification targets, enrollment goals, or other agreed-upon performance metrics.

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



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- 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)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)



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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.