



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3431

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Infinity Aero Club of Tampa Bay aims to inspire and equip future generations, fostering a diverse and inclusive talent pipeline prepared to lead and innovate across these high-demand sectors globally. We aim to reduce costs and barriers, making Aviation, STEM, and Entrepreneurship (STEMA viA) programs and careers accessible to underserved communities. The Infinity Aero Club of Tampa Bay offers four tracks of manned and unmanned Pilot programs: Drone; Pilot – Solo, Private Pilot, Instrument, and Commercial Pilot Training; Drone/Pilot Outreach; and Remote Pilot Business Track. We also offer an Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Project, including 7 training modules.

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	260,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>260,000</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)	260,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>260,000</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	Executive Director salary @ 25% of \$80,000 FT annual salary	20,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Payroll for Administrative Assistance/Project Management	15,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	\$5,000 for Computer Desktop, Laptop and Printer \$5,000 for Travel between satellite sites and program outreach expansion sites	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Grants Management: Program Data Collection, Reporting and Evaluation	15,000
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies = \$3,000 x 40 builder kits = \$120,000 Other (Insurance) = \$5,000 annual premium	125,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Direct Service: Workshop Instructors = \$50,000 Professional Services (Legal) = \$10,000 Professional Services (Accounting) = \$15,000	75,000
<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>260,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

Aligned with Infinity Aero Club Tampa Bay's mission to empower underserved communities worldwide, this program offers a Workforce Pathway to careers in aviation, aerospace, and space industries. With a focus on STEM education and industry readiness, it fosters a diverse talent pipeline and aims to impact over one million lives by 2030.



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

Our goal is to inspire and equip future generations, fostering a diverse and inclusive talent pipeline prepared to lead and innovate across these high-demand sectors globally. We aim to reduce costs and barriers making Aviation, STEM, and Entrepreneurship (STEMA via) programs and careers accessible to underserved communities worldwide.

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

Workforce Development Services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project to develop the talent pipeline of Aviation careers. Industry Certifications our program will train participants' attainment in Aviation Industry Certifications. Job placements are included in our program delivery timeline. While skills are developed in the Program, graduation constitutes a placement with an employer. Supporting our participants with job placement is crucial to not only their success, but the overall success of the Program. We will support their job placement efforts with career readiness training.

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

The program anticipates minimum enrollments of 20 high school participants per cohort with the facilitation of four (4) annual cohorts. The goal for total enrollment is 200 participants within 2 years of implementation with 80% completion rate and 75% job placement rate. Proposed partnerships and collaborative strategies promote the program goals through a robust network of partners. With organizations located within underrepresented communities such as the Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA, Faith-Based Institutions and other Community Based Organizations the project will attract and retain participants from communities underrepresented in the industry.

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

The project supports the education and recruitment of future aircraft pilots and the development of the aircraft pilot workforce in the United States and U.S. territories. The workforce development program, key metrics will include: Enrollment rate (Number of participants enrolled in the program); Completion rate (Percentage of participants who finish the training); Employment rate (Percentage of participants placed in jobs post-training); Retention rate (Participants still employed after six months); Participant satisfaction (Feedback on training and services).

**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?**

Return unused funds to the state.

**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



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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)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**



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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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