



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3531

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

TSC is requesting funds for facility expansion and recurring operational funds. The purpose is to: a) increase the number of students obtaining GED credentials; b) expand the number of healthcare programs and participants culminating in successful completion of an industry certification; c) expand the successful HVAC program to meet student demand and d) replicate a successful program for students with intellectual disabilities to obtain employment credentials. All programs will provide employment and economic mobility for residents of Gadsden County.

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	790,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	10,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	11,290,000

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)	11,290,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	11,290,000	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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Instructional staff for healthcare professions are in high-demand particularly in remote Gadsden County and TSC would require additional financial support to recruit and retain qualified individuals to provide instruction.	550,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	In order to overcome financial barriers of students and improve economic mobility students would benefit from transportation and childcare vouchers to secure support services in the community. This greatly improves attendance and economic mobility outcomes.	240,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of additional building at the TSC Gadsden Center of 8,360 sf with 4 classrooms, 1 laboratory, and 1 instructional office. Includes architect and engineering fees, construction manager, land clearing, building construction with high technology classrooms and laboratory space, parking requirements and access improvements.	10,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		11,290,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Facility expansion on TSC property in Gadsden County to provide for four programs: First, an increase in the number of residents obtaining GED credentials. Second, expand healthcare education programs which will produce students with an industry certification and immediate employability. Third, grow the HVAC program to meet student demand. Fourth, replicate a successful Leon Country program for students with intellectual disabilities in Gadsden County to obtain employment credentials.

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

Construction of 8360 sf building to provide services to increase the number of students obtaining GED credentials; expand high-demand healthcare programs; expand successful HVAC program; and replicate successful program for students with intellectual disabilities to obtain employment credentials. All outcomes have quantitative metrics.

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

1. GED Preparation programming, instruction, testing and support. 2. Expand healthcare and HVAC education programs to provide industry certification leading to jobs. 3. Expand Eagle Connections program for students with intellectual disabilities helping them earn employment employability skills.

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

Residents of Gadsden County who did not have a high school diploma.
Residents of Gadsden County seeking job skills for better employment opportunity and higher wages.
Residents who have developmental disabilities and would like to obtain job skills and an employability certificate to seek employment opportunities and independence.

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

Increase the number of students obtaining a GED. Provide programs in Patient Care Tech, Health Care Tech, Patient Care Assistants, Nursing Aides and Orderlies, Home Health Aides, and Allied Health Assistants. Increase number of students obtaining HVAC credentials and employment. Increased independence and success for intellectually disabled individuals. For all programs, metrics include the number of participants, successful completions and 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?

These funds are for facility expansion and operational funds. The purpose is to: a) increase the number of students obtaining GED credentials; b) expand the number of healthcare programs and participants culminating in successful completion of an industry certification; c) expand the successful HVAC program and d) create a program for students with intellectual disabilities to obtain employment credentials. All outcomes have quantitative metrics that can be included in a contract.

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



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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.