



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2629

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will provide underemployed, under-served, and underrepresented communities opportunities for gainful careers in electric vehicle repair by developing, piloting, and launching a training ecosystem. The workforce ecosystem will be designed for training, on-the-job support, reference and microlearning. It will support up-skilling the current and new workforce. If milestones are not met, the funds for renewal the following year should be held until the deliverables are met.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	95%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	105,000	5%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,105,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Oversight of curriculum development, platform development, ASE certification, non-profit partnerships, marketing, recruiting, scholarship awards, student training and student placement. Total administration for three facilities (North Florida, Central Florida, South Florida).	75,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Marketing, advertising, and promotion (statewide). Engage media partners for value-add advertising and promotion.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	EV Curriculum Development= \$105,000; Platform Development= \$135,000. Hosting, VR/AR, special effects= \$105,000. ASE Certification= \$105,000	450,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Two full-time recruiters / job placement mentors (includes salaries and benefits, and travel) and three full-time automotive technology instructors/mentors (includes salaries and benefits).	350,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Workforce placement Scholarships (100) \$225,000 Small business Workforce Development grants for On-The-Job training (80) \$200,000 Training equipment and tools for three facilities (North Florida, Central Florida, South Florida) \$300,000; Facility rental allowance for three facilities (North Florida, Central Florida, South Florida) 120,000	845,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Nonprofit partnerships with organizations serving underserved/ underrepresented populations and veterans \$150,000 (North Florida, Central Florida, South Florida) Fire Department partnership \$30,000 (North Florida, Central Florida, South Florida)	180,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	2,000,000
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14. Program Performance

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

Our vision is to provide underemployed, underserved, and underrepresented communities opportunities for gainful careers in electric vehicle repair by developing, piloting, and launching a training ecosystem. The workforce ecosystem will be designed for training, on-the-job support, reference, and micro-learning. It will support up-skilling the current and new workforce. At the end of the training, students receive a credential that certifies successful program completion and workforce readiness.

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

A platform will be development to provide theoretical training on how to safely maintain and repair electric vehicles. The theoretical learning will be followed by hands-on practice at a business. Students will complete on-the-job training before becoming certified as an EV tech. The Automotive Service Excellence organization will provide a credential that states that 400 maximum characters allowed.

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

Young adults, veterans, and individuals seeking a career in electric vehicle technology can receive training and certification to pursue a career as an EV tech. Funding is necessary to meet the unique and immediate need for effective and affordable training that allows under-served and underrepresented populations to enter a long-term lucrative career in zero-emission transportation.

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

The target population include jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, high school students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons and veterans. The expected number of individuals to be served is greater than 800 persons.

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

Expected benefits are improvement of physical health, measured by consistent employment and career growth. Improvement of mental health measured by reduced emissions and reduced noise pollution that are good for all life forms. Protect the general public from harm, measured by reduced emissions and reduced noise pollution leading to improved health, lower environmental impact, and an improved outlook on life. Transportation conditions, measured by improved air quality and lower noise pollution. Lighter EV's may help prolonged life span for roads and bridges. Increased or improved economic activity, measured by job placement. Increased tourism measured by improved visitor satisfaction. Continues to promote Florida's reputation as a tech state with high wage 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 the contract?

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15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**



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16. 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) Central Florida Dealers Association, Inc.

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number