



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2869

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will provide a new building on the Marion Technical College main campus to house the addition of new programs, including Automotive General Service Technician, Automotive Collision Refinishing Technician, Aviation Powerplant/Airframe Mechanic & Diesel Systems Technician. The new facility will have three classrooms, multiple bays, storage, office area and restrooms. The funds will provide tools, equipment and furniture for the classrooms, offices and bays.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	600,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,970,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,570,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,570,000	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 2023-2024	5,570,000	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?



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

Marion Technical College received CARES ACT funds totaling \$270,862.00; HEERF Student Aid totaling \$1,449,826.00 and HEERF Institutional funds totaling \$1,942,180.00

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/01/2025

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.

The School Board of Marion County is the entity receiving the fixed capital outlay funding and is the owner of Marion Technical College

13. 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: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Startup equipment, furniture, technology and tools for all programs.	600,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a Mechanics training building with three classrooms, multiple bays, bathrooms and storage. Approximately 15,000 square feet under roof.	4,970,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,570,000

14. Program Performance

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



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A new facility will allow additional programs to be developed, which will provide training for skilled mechanics / technicians in the areas of automotive, aviation and diesel mechanics. Marion County has long needed mechanical programs to support the tremendous growth in these industries. A highly skilled workforce in mechanical programs will benefit the Marion County economy. Currently, there is a shortage of trained mechanics / technicians in automotive service, automotive collision repair & refinishing's, and diesel technicians, which reduces the growth and expansion of local companies.

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

Education and training for new and current mechanics / technicians in automotive, diesel and aviation occupations in order to develop a skilled workforce and train current workers in new technology and processes. This facility will also serve as a local repair center for MCPS fleet automobiles, as well as the Marion Technical College CDL trucks.

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

Educational opportunities will be provided to Marion County citizens, as well as the citizens of the state of Florida, in programs listed as 'in demand' according to labor market statistics. The development of a much needed skilled workforce will benefit the overall economy of Marion County, benefiting all the citizens in Central Florida and the entire state of Florida.

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

The target populations served by this project are high school students, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless and currently or formerly incarcerated persons. Marion Technical College expects to serve 80 to 100 students per year in the new facility built by this project.

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

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Track the number of graduates, placement into jobs, number of graduates with industry certifications and credentials.

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?

Return the funds to the State.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization
b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity

☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- ☐ 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number