



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1037

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Growing the Workforce In the Glades is a phased project with the goal of increasing the labor pool of trained, skilled workers in the Department of Labors career clusters of Health Science and Transportation. Funds will be utilized to provide scholarships for adult students enrolling in commercial vehicle driving (CVD) and medical programs; part-time instructors to support increased enrollment; and to engage in a feasibility study related to the implementation of an agriculture based cross curricular program. The total requested equals \$989,342.

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	286,342
Fixed Capital Outlay	703,000
Total State Funds Requested	989,342

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)	989,342	84%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	182,500	16%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,171,842	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	236,934	119	No

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.

Possibility of Federal sources of funding via requests and grants

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.

SDPBC received federal assistance in the amount of \$35.1 million from the CARES Act (excludes amount earmarked for charter and private schools). However, SDPBC has spent over \$45 million on COVID-related costs in service of bridging the Digital Divide.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 1, 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 30, 2026

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.

School District of Palm Beach County is the sole owner of the West Technical Education Center (land and structures).

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	Cover the annual cost associated with maintaining program accreditation through the Council on Occupational Education	5,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Secure an expert in field to facilitate the research on the feasibility of implementing an integrated, cross curricular program within the Glades Region that spans grades K to 30. This program would integrate elements from the areas of Agriculture, Hospitality and Tourism, Transportation & Logistics, Business & Entrepreneurship, and Science.	52,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Two (2) part-time employees for the adult career and technical education programs at West Technical Education Center	70,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Twenty (20) scholarships for adult training in the medical program Thirty (30) scholarships for adult training in the commercial vehicle driving Thirty (30) scholarships for adult training in forklift operation and safety Inform and recruit potential students, employers, and the local community	158,842
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	improve upon the current infrastructure of West Tech through the expansion of the commercial vehicle driving (CVD) range, Renovate existing office space to create a 3rd Party Testing Administrative Operations Center	703,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		989,342

14. Program Performance

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

The goal of this request is to increase the labor pool of trained, skilled workers in the Department of Labors career clusters of Health Science and Transportation. Funds will be utilized to provide scholarships for adult students enrolling in commercial vehicle driving (CVD) and medical programs; part-time instructors to support increased enrollment; and to engage in a feasibility study related to the implementation of an agriculture based cross curricular program.

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

Funds will be used to provide career development and workforce education directly to citizens. Targeted areas of training are commercial vehicle driving and health sciences.

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

The target population for this project is the residents of the Glades Region of Palm Beach County (Belle Glade, South Bay, Pahokee, and Canal Point) that are 18 years or older and are seeking to secure a Commercial Drivers License or a medical science credential such as home health aide, phlebotomist, EKG aide, and or medical assistant to broaden their employment options.

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

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

Outcome - Short Term: 70% or greater of the scholarship recipients will be employed in-field within 6 months of program completion
 Benefit - Long Term: Decreased employment rate of Glades residents which is measured every 5 years
 Methodology - Short Term: Recording of employment status upon program entry, completion, and 6 months after completion followed by data comparison to determine impact of participating in the program

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?

Unemployment in the Glades area is typically four to five times higher than the other portions of Palm Beach County. The latest five-year estimates for 2016 – 2020 place South Bay with the lowest unemployment rate among the three communities at 10.7%, followed by Belle Glade at 13.3%, and Pahokee has the highest unemployment rate at 23.8%. Failure to meet the performance measures could result in continued high unemployment rates due to lack of a trained, skilled labor pool.

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)

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