



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2121

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

SFSC seeks to create a multiuse driving training facility for the tri-county area to support law enforcement, logistical and commercial driving, electrical lineworker, emergency vehicle operations to include fire and EMS, and public school transportation. This will not only provide skills needed for high-wage positions for unemployed and underemployed in our community but also support the logistical transportation needs of Florida businesses.

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 | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 3,200,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 3,200,000 |

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) | 3,200,000 | 93% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 250,000 | 7% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 | 3,450,000 | 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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n/a

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? 1/4/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 6/30/2025

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.

SFSC will be the primary owner of the facility with partnerships with a lease agreement with the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners for the proposed property.

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 | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | State-of-the-art driving course with approved FDLE lighting, DOT traffic signals, and additional critical incident training in Highlands County for night classes and collaborative workspaces, to include contracted services for construction. Proposed location will include a 40-year long-term lease with the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners, with property value indicated. | 3,200,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 3,200,000 |

14. Program Performance

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



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

SFSC will provide training and testing for Class A, B, and C commercial driver's licenses, passenger endorsement, and law enforcement defensive driving. This driving course will provide introductory driving skills and refresher emergency vehicle operations, as well as instruction on traffic safety measures on inner and outer perimeters.

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

Citizens will benefit with individuals for commercial vehicle driver's licensing, law enforcement, lineworker, and public school transportation. Students and employees will gain experience through a classroom setting, hands-on training, and practical experiences to include basic skills, backing maneuvers, high-speed pursuit driving and over-the-road experience.

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

The target population to be served includes unemployed and underemployed residents in the College's service district, students in the College's commercial vehicle driving, electrical lineworker programs and law enforcement training, as well as local businesses seeking qualified and certified drivers. The number of individuals directly served is estimated at 401-800 annually who, in turn, will be able to positively impact not only our local, but the Florida economy.

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

The expected benefit of the project is to provide a realistic and enhanced educational setting to meet the needs of our growing economy and distribution needs of our economically disadvantaged tri county area and throughout the state. The primary outcome of the project is the expansion and retention of the number of highly qualified and resilient certified drivers. Quantitative and qualitative methods will be utilized to measure the program's impact. The number of individuals served by the driving range training facility educational offerings will be documented in addition to employer and student state certifications.

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?

Suggested penalty for failure to establish the driver training facility would be related to returning funds not utilized for the stated expenditures.

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



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- 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