



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1544

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Pensacola State College, serving Escambia-Santa Rosa Counties, requests \$1.6 million to address shortages and projected growth for skilled, qualified truck drivers and diesel technicians by training up to 80 students per year. The funds will outfit an Education and Training Center at the Santa Rosa Industrial Park with instructional equipment and tools required to launch and sustain economic development. No existing trade schools exist in Workforce Region 1 to instruct diesel technicians.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?     Yes     No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1,600,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1600000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**     Yes     No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**     Yes     No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Non-recurring program development costs for curriculum and equipment; such as, truck driving simulators, training models for systems, truck lift, wheel balancer, transmissions, diesel engine assemblies, diagnostic scan toolkit and tools.	1,600,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input type="text"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		1,600,000



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## 11. Program Performance

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

Florida citizens will receive training that meets the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification standards for truck drivers and diesel technicians. The establishment of a reliable diesel technician program will offset industry shortages and 7.5% growth by 2026.

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

Funding will increase access to affordable workforce training programs for 80 students entering the trucking industry and provide an enriching hands-on training environment with appropriate tools.

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

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity reports that Region 1 has 1,949 annual job openings for Heavy Tractor Trailer Drivers and 231 annual job openings for Heavy Truck Diesel Mechanics. CareerSource Escarosa continuously reports from employers that positions are unfilled due to a lack of qualified CDL licensed drivers. PSC graduates will fill gaps left by the Baby Boomer generation who led the industry and are aging out. In Florida alone, about 85% of Florida's communities depend on trucks to move goods and provide quick shipping options. Over the next decade, the national trucking industry will need to hire roughly 1.1 million new drivers, or an average of nearly 110,000 per year.

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

The target population includes college students in addition to jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, homeless, and veterans. Over 800 students will be trained to close the skills gap. PSC aligns degree programs to what the region's workforce is in demand and works directly with local businesses to educate the existing talent base. PSC is ideally positioned to meet the need for 99,000 new and unfilled truck driver jobs statewide by 2026, including 2,000 in Region 1. And another 20,300 heavy truck diesel mechanics, including 303 in Region 1. Enrollment of 36 students for the Truck Driver Career Certificate program and 45 students each year (15 per term) for the Diesel Systems Workforce Certificate will sustain the economy.

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

PSC's service area is growing as businesses expand. Access to reliable transportation of goods and repair of heavy tractor trailers is a key factor in sustaining an economy dependent on quick consumer shipments.

- 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?

No additional penalties are needed as the college contract processes has served the College well over time.



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12. **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 State of Florida, through Pensacola State College, is and will continue to be the owner of all College property.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

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

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.