



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1134

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

SCF requests \$600,000 in nonrecurring funding to rapidly train and prepare individuals displaced from the workforce to enter regional in-demand employment opportunities through skill training, rapid credentialing and industry certifications. This funding will allow SCF to increase capacity in high-demand existing programs and add new targeted programs to quickly return our community members to the workforce.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	600,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	600,000	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 2021-2022	600,000	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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SCF received \$5.3M in Cares Act funds for PPE including masks, gloves, acrylic shields for classrooms and high traffic areas, enhanced cleaning and disinfection, technology, faculty staffing reflective of reduced class size and online course delivery where appropriate, and other Coronavirus-related relief. Half of the funding was directed to students impacted by the pandemic.

11. 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	Percentage of select program faculty salaries for fall 2021 and spring 2022; increased faculty support to emerging programs	300,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Student support expenses, marketing and outreach, IT support	300,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

12. Program Performance

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

This funding will allow SCF to increase capacity in high-demand existing programs and add new targeted programs to quickly return community members impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to the workforce.

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

Skill Up Manatee-Sarasota will focus on participants who are either furloughed, unemployed, or employed but at risk of losing their job due to automation or disruption of the local economy due to COVID-19. Skill Up Manatee-Sarasota will allow SCF to build on the momentum created by the "Get Credentialed, Get Noticed!" initiative to continue to help Manatee and Sarasota County residents return to the workforce.

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

Skill Up Manatee-Sarasota will enable economic and social mobility for Floridians seeking high-skill, high-wage jobs in our region. This will allow SCF to increase its capacity to enroll and graduate students in short-term career education programs that are aligned to high-skill, high-wage occupations. This initiative will also fund scholarships for students, career coaching, placement services, and other career services.

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

Skill Up Manatee-Sarasota will focus on participants who are either furloughed, unemployed, or employed but at risk of losing their job due to automation or disruption of the local economy due to COVID-19. The program will target at least 150 students.

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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SCF will rapidly train and prepare individuals displaced from the workforce to enter regional in-demand employment opportunities through skill training, rapid credentialing and industry certifications. More local workers in high-wage professions will infuse more money into the local economy and reduce the demand for services. This program will improve local employment rates and increase the income and spending power of participants who complete a certification.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables would result in financial consequences including withholding of funding or reduction in specified payments.

13. 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.

N/A



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number