



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1625

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

4. Project/Program Description

AmSkills secured a Pasco Community Development Block Grant (\$551,000) and a private donation (\$200,000) to purchase 3.26 acres with a 13,800 sf building built in 1973 to develop the first AmSkills Workforce Training Innovation Center and Workforce Training District. The property is located in Holiday, a low-income community in Pasco County, and is being used to stir economic re-development and provide workforce training for the Tampa Bay Region. AmSkills' mission is to transform lives and build communities through workforce training and apprenticeships, focusing on manufacturing and construction industries. Funding will be utilized towards the renovation of the building.

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	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	450,000
Total State Funds Requested	550,000

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)	550,000	22%
Matching Funds		
Federal	53,537	2%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	943,000	37%
Other	1,000,000	39%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	2,546,537	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.**
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10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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Yes

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

\$595,000.
 Funding has been used to conduct rapid re-employment bootcamps utilizing the AmSkills' mobile workshop which travels to low-income communities to set up temporary training centers to conduct hands-on workforce training programs.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Tom Mudano, CEO will be the lead Owners Representative/Project Manager as well as leading efforts to raise additional funding for the project from within the community.	50,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Finance Administration and Project Management costs are included to ensure proper accounting and reporting for the project.	50,000
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	The building was built in 1973 and requires significant renovations including replacing HVAC systems, adding fire sprinkler systems, adding workforce training workshops and administration, replacing lighting, engineering, etc.	450,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		550,000

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the funding is to be used to renovate the building which will be the first AmSkills Workforce Training Innovation Center in the Tampa Bay Region and to secure additional matching funds from private community donors. The goal is to stir redevelopment opportunities within the Holiday community, a low-income community, and to provide hands-on career discovery training opportunities and apprenticeships for the manufacturing and construction industries.

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

AmSkills was created as an economic development initiative by Pasco, Pinellas, and Hernando Counties to address workforce skills shortages for the manufacturing industry. AmSkills provides "hands-on" skills training for youth and adults; and assists manufacturers to establish apprenticeships. AmSkills focuses on three key areas, RECRUIT – TRAIN – SUSTAIN, providing programs in high schools, traveling to economically disadvantaged neighborhoods using AmSkills mobile workshop to conduct training bootcamps, and providing training programs, apprenticeships, and coaching. AmSkills will be expanding into construction trades.

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



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Recruitment, utilizing the AmSkills mobile workshop and creating a production area to replicate the AmSkills bootcamp in other communities; training programs for youth and adults to include machining, mechatronics, robotics, virtual reality, welding, electrical, plumbing, commercial air conditioning, carpentry, concrete, and other manufacturing and construction trade programs. Apprenticeship related training instruction programs will also be provided. AmSkills intends to create a Workforce Training District by creating a non-profit business incubator to provide support services to those in need of the community.

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

Middle and high school students, unemployed, underemployed, persons who lost their job due to COVID-19, economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth, homeless, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, formerly incarcerated, and minorities. Numerous new programs will be created to expand and offer a greater number of individuals workforce training and apprenticeship opportunities in the manufacturing and construction industries. AmSkills is expected to serve more than 800 individuals from within the community.

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

AmSkills will continue and expand on the current successful programs for youth and adults including recruitment, training, and apprenticeships for the Tampa Bay region. AmSkills will be expanding from manufacturing into construction and related industry trades. AmSkills is expected to be a catalyst for redevelopment in a low-income community. AmSkills will track the number of participants, the number of participating employers, and the number of participants that secure jobs and local economic impact.

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?

AmSkills does not anticipate failing to meet any deliverables or performance measures. In the event AmSkills is unable to meet a specific deliverable, AmSkills would communicate reasons and negotiate an extension or an appropriate deduction.

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.

AmSkills is a non-profit with a nine member Board of Directors including Kathryn Starkey, Pasco County Commissioner & Chairperson of AmSkills Board, Roy Sweatman (Vice-Chair), President/CEO – Southern Manufacturing Technologies; Kimberly Shields – Lockheed Martin; Peter Buczynsky – Pharmaworks; Viggo Neilsen – Mettler Toledo; Dr. Byron Clayton, President/CEO – Tampa Bay Works; Jerry Custin – Florida Suncoast Manufacturers Association; and Andrew Laffin (Treasurer) – Adventum Financial Services.



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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