



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1298

1. Project Title

West Technical Education Center – Adult Education & Workforce Development Training Program

2. Senate Sponsor

Tina Polsky

3. Date of Request

11/20/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The specific purpose of this request is to secure equipment to expand and enhance unique certification courses, specifically, Welding, Commercial Vehicle Driving (CVD) and Home Health Aide in order to meet the job needs of the local business community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Education

State Agency contacted?

No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	397,288
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	397,288

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	397,288	69%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	182,500	31%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	579,788	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	426,857	125	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

400,000

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?

No

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



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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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Simulators for Welding and Commercial Vehicle Driving (CVD) and mannequins for Medical Science (MS) Equipment, instructional materials, software, and supplies needed for Welding, CVD, and MS. Preparation fees for accreditation by the Council on Occupational Education Instructional stripes on CVD range. Purchase and brand CVD training vehicles. Storage unit shelving in Welding and CVD classrooms.	397,288
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)		397,288

12. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose of this request is to secure equipment to expand and enhance unique certification courses, specifically, Welding, Commercial Vehicle Driving (CVD) and Home Health Aide in order to meet the job needs of the local business community.

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 to citizens. Target area of training are welding, commercial vehicle driving and medical sciences.

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

The direct service to be provided is explicit, direct instruction to include theory and applied/hands-on skills demonstration.

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

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

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 in-field employment rates measured within 6 months of program completion
Benefit - Long Term: Decreased unemployment rate of Glades residents which is measured very 5 years



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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?

Glades-area unemployment is typically four to five times higher than the rest of Palm Beach County. Recent estimates put Glades unemployment as high as 20% - 25%. Failure to meet the performance measures if funding is appropriated could result in continued high unemployment rates and a stagnant economy in the Glades Region of Palm Beach County.

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.

West Technical Education Center is wholly owned and operated by the School District of Palm Beach County.



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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