



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1685

**1. Project Title**

**2. Senate Sponsor**

**3. Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Lake Tech-Tavares Transportation Training and Innovation Center will be located in Tavares in order to provide an innovative, modern, and authentic training environment for students to prepare to enter critical auto-diesel tech and other transportation sector adjacent jobs. Lake Technical College and the City of Tavares, are seeking funding to help train highly-skilled workers, thereby increasing both the number of technicians able to be trained, especially the large number of diesel and emergency vehicle technicians in the region. We estimate this project will create 307 jobs within the next five years and retain an additional 234 positions in Lake County and the surrounding region. The Center will embrace the shift towards autonomous vehicles, clean energy, and IoT (Internet of Things) in all transportation sectors. In addition, with public safety continuing to be critical, the focus on repairing fire engines, ambulances, garbage trucks and police vehicles will be significant.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>4,500,000</b>

**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)	4,500,000	26%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	12,500,000	74%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>17,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**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?**

Yes

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

Lake Technical College received CaresAct funding which was used to mitigate Covid-19. In addition, funds were used to provide scholarships to students. Lake County provided funds for some equipment allowing students to be able to socially distance during lab time. With the scholarships and demand for skilled training, Lake Technical College can't keep up with the enrollment demand. The federal assistance did not allow for construction of a new facility which is greatly needed.

**11. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The land has been donated by the City of Tavares. The site work, stormwater prep, and gopher tortoise removal had already taken place. The site is ready to accommodate this training facility.	4,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>4,500,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The goals are threefold: The new facility will provide a modern training facility for the entry level skilled workforce in the transportation sector in the Central Florida region. It will also allow for training for incumbent workers who need to up-skill and update their training to meet the demands of the shift towards autonomous vehicles, clean energy, and IoT. Last, it will include a focus on public safety vehicle maintenance/repair so these critical vehicles can be back on the road quickly to provide service to the citizens of Lake County and the region.

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

Training for entry level workers in the transportation sector. Training for incumbent workers in the transportation and public safety sector. Repair of emergency operation vehicles

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

Educational opportunities for new and current workers, the development of a much needed skilled workforce, specialized training for public safety vehicles, and a focus on the shift towards autonomous vehicles, clean energy, and IoT. This facility will also serve as a local repair center for emergency vehicles in order to reduce the time spent out of service in repairs.

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



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The Lake Tech-Tavares Transportation Training and Innovation Center will serve postsecondary students, including dual enrolled high school students, in the region for transportation related technician positions. Incumbent technicians and those focused on public safety vehicle repair and maintenance will be trained in this facility which could be open both day and evening for classes. As autonomous vehicles, clean energy and IoT continue to grow, this Center will be poised to focus on the new technologies. Hundreds of individuals will be served via this facility.

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

A skilled workforce to meet the demand of technical workers in the transportation sector. The critical shortage was evident during the pandemic as the trucking industry came to the forefront of the supply chain. The future technologies are beginning to be implemented and this Center will stand ready to meet the training needs in the region. Public safety vehicles are critical and especially in a crisis - so trained technicians are needed to repair and maintain these vehicles. The methodology to measure outcomes will include completion and placement data as well as the number of industry certifications obtained.

**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?**

Return the funds to the State.

**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.**

Lake Technical College will receive the fixed capital outlay funding.



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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