



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2319

1. Project Title General Daniel Chappie James Flight Academy New facility equipment and furnishings

2. Senate Sponsor Doug Broxson

3. Date of Request 01/11/2022

4. Project/Program Description

The Chappie James Flight Academy has received a firm commitment from the City of Pensacola to fund and construct a new building adjacent to the facility we currently occupy. This building will increase the flight academy space by a factor of 3 (from approximately 500 square feet to approximately 1600). The architect is working with the flight academy to ensure that the new construction meets our needs both on layout and ergonomically. Our project is to outfit the new building with 20 state of the art computer flight stations/simulators, monitors and furnishings necessary to support a next generation classroom and flight lab. Space has long been the limiting issue for the flight academy to execute its mission. The size of our current facility limits the number of students that can participate in our programs because of safety protocols and the number of computer flight stations we currently have (10). This project will allow for a higher quality and more individualized instruction.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Agency for Health Care Administration

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	130,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	130,000

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)	130,000	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 2022-2023	130,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 50,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Local and Federal grants in addition to private donations and fundraising efforts



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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.

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	All funds will be for the purpose of purchasing all equipment for 20 flight stations, all furnishings to support the new facility and the supporting equipment for state of the art interactive monitors, instructor and students supplies, art decor, security cameras etc	125,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	These funds will be allocated and used to support social media contract and to secure a professional grant writer.	5,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		130,000

12. Program Performance

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

We will accomplish our goal by increasing our outreach in the greater Pensacola community by serving a larger number of students. With the increased number of computer flight stations, smartboards, monitors and supporting furnishings we see to procure for the new building through our project, our goal is attainable. The Chappie James Flight Academy selected this project due to the commitment from the city of Pensacola to fund and construct a new building to increase our classroom size and educational supporting space. This will greatly assist us in fulfilling our goals and mission of service to the community.

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

Our mission statement is to Build confidence in disadvantaged youth (with an emphasis on African American teenagers) using aviation as the key learning discipline and motivational conduit. Since the founding of the Flight Academy (1996), this has been our guiding principle. Our project of outfitting the new building with state of the art equipment will allow the students to learn, practice and master skills they have never been exposed to. Their confidence will increase and they will be better prepared for other endeavors both academically and socially.

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

We will be working with our sister organization the Chappie James museum to provide tours and community lectures and events supporting and encouraging community engagement and cohesiveness.

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



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There are approximately 1100 African American students ages 13-17 in the greater Pensacola area. We are striving to reach 7% of this group in 2022, 10% in 2023, 13% in 2024, and 14% in 2025. See our 5 year strategic plan for specifics. These percentages include our summer program, weekend classes. The Flight Academy since 1996 has sought and continues to provide opportunities to the underserved communities of the greater Pensacola and surrounding areas. Our target population is young African American boys and girls ages 13-17 however, we value and embrace diversity and inclusion in all areas. Everyone is welcome

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

The impact and results will be measured by the increased number of students we will be able to enroll. The new equipment and facility will allow the Flight Academy to establish a larger presence in the local community both physically and in terms of reputation. A large portion of the success we have had since our founding has been by word of mouth. The students and parents who have experienced our programs recommend us to other potential students and parents. We recently have partnered with Dixon School of Arts and Science in Pensacola and plan to expand our reach to younger students which further validates the need for our new facility and operational funding.

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?

Our 5 year strategic plan outlines our process. We also use a yearly roadmap to measure our yearly goals set forth by the strategic plan. This roadmap is discussed at our monthly Board meeting. Our BOD are committed to ensuring our strategic plan is carried out as written. We also realize the need to modify parameters when needed.

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.

NONE. The City of Pensacola will be fully funding the construction of our new facility. Our requests rest firmly with the outfitting of equipment and furnishings



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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