



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2760

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

SFSC seeks to expand our welding program to include upgrading our mobile welding lab, which will allow the College to provide low-cost welding training throughout the College's service district (DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands counties) to meet the growing demand for qualified welders. This will not only provide the skills needed for gainful employment for unemployed and underemployed in our local community but also support the needs of businesses throughout Florida.

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	1,250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,250,000

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)	1,250,000	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	1,250,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2018-19	0	500,000	126	No

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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SFSC received \$14,716,294 from the Federal CARES Act. The funds were used for financial aid grants to students, campus safety and sanitation, personal protective equipment, and technology upgrades for distance learning.

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	Specially designed and equipped trailer containing welding equipment and supplies, a tractor truck, virtual welding simulators, welding equipment, and travel expenses.	1,250,000
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)		1,250,000

12. Program Performance

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

Classes will be held to provide welding education and training to citizens throughout the College's service district of DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands counties.

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

Education, training, and American Welding Society (AWS) certification of students for gainful employment or continuing education as professional welders or an occupation in which welding skills are highly desired (e.g., farmers and ranchers).

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

Welding training and AWS certification will be offered for shielded metal arc welding (SMAW - aka Stick) welding, gas tungsten arc (GTA - aka TIG) welding, and metal inert gas (MIG) welding and will be held throughout the College's service district.

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

Unemployed, underemployed, college students, and at-risk youth will be targeted for training. This will double the current throughput and enable up to 48 students per year to be trained and obtain AWS welding certification.

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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SFSC currently provides welding training and have seen an increase in student demand. Statewide there are 1,920 annual job openings requiring welding skills throughout Florida. this mobile lab will provide a low-cost option for the college to train up to 48 individuals annually as welders. The impact of this training program can be evaluated by the number of trainees served by the program, job placements and promotions of completer's, employer satisfaction, and annualized earning of graduates placed throughout the region. in addition to new workforce training, this lab will allow SFSC to provide specialized welding training, such as Metal Inert Gag (Mig) and Tungsten Inert Gas (Tig) welding, as well as facilitate local access to American Welding Society certification for professional welders.

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?

Suggested penalty for failure to enhance and upgrade the College's Mobile Welding Lab program as requested would be related to the return of any funds not used for authorized expenditures.

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