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## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1384

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Phase 1 of this critical workforce project was fully funded in the last legislative session and the project is underway. EFSC had previously identified a large, underutilized structure on the Cocoa Campus and is re-purposing the large structure to become the critically needed, new "Advanced Technologies Center" to meet the essential workforce needs of Florida's Space Coast. This cost saving action will save tens of millions of dollars over building a new comparable structure. It will also facilitate a more immediate solution to meeting the needs of our high-tech aerospace and manufacturing employers. Phase 1 provided \$3.6 Million, and the college is now in the process of relocating the Cocoa Campus library into a smaller and more efficient use of space on campus freeing up space for critical workforce programs. This proposal seeks \$5.1 Million for Phase 2 which will allow us the ability to expand and create new and critical workforce training programs in this re-purposed facility.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,100,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,100,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,100,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>5,100,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	3,600,000	17	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  Yes

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?

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

Eastern Florida State College was awarded \$9,247,137 to be used as: 1. Direct grants for students who incurred expenses due to the pandemic 2. Costs associated with the changing of delivery of instruction. 3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to protect students, staff and faculty while on campus 4. Expanding on-line access and capabilities 5. Implementing social distancing

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

This project consists of renovations to existing facilities designed to serve students by better preparing them for the skilled worker career fields in high tech aerospace industry and the extensive manufacturing sector on Florida's Space Coast (500+ employers). This facility once completed will be an asset of the State of Florida. No private individual will have any or all ownership in this public property.

13. 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>		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Funding will be expended utilizing a Design/Build process in order to convert the space to the ATC Facility. All funds will be allocated as part of this process. No operational expenses or on-going administrative expenses will be realized as part of this renovation. All construction management, design and engineering will be included in the Design Build process.	5,100,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,100,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

The primary objective of the ATC is to provide extensive hands-on training and education in the many disciplines needed to provide skilled workers and technicians to high tech fields and manufacturing on Florida’s Space Coast. The impetus behind moving this initiative to the top priority of the College is to be able to provide a more immediate response to the Governor’s challenge to lead the nation in workforce education by 2030 and to also to respond to the demands from local firms, primarily in the aerospace/technology and manufacturing sectors that are experiencing explosive growth here on Florida’s Space Coast. We are concerned that the inability to provide the needed human resources may lead to companies moving to other states which they consider to be more responsive to their workforce needs.

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

While the State of Florida and our region does an outstanding job providing the number of engineers needed, specifically skilled workforce technicians can mean the difference between success and failure for Space Coast companies and corporations. If we fail to recognize their needs for work-ready employees, it is very possible many of them will not only cease to expand, they may have no choice but to leave our region and very possibly the state to seek more human resources. The difficulties of our area to provide the skilled workers needed is becoming an all-too-common concern expressed by various industries and may serve as a deterrent for future companies to relocate to Florida. Florida must meet the challenge by Governor DeSantis to lead the nation in Workforce Training by 2030 and maintain its national presence as a technical powerhouse. Florida’s Space Coast has the potential to lead the way with this initiative to make lives better and more prosperous for all Floridians.

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

The training to be provided in the ATC facility is vitally important to the success of area high tech employers to include those in the manufacturing sector. This project seeks to assist employment in areas prominently featured in the State’s Gap Analysis/Areas of Strategic Emphasis Report. These areas also meet local workforce needs as defined by the recent local CareerSource data for this region. This data indicates an annual need for more than 1,500 new and additional employees every year, which includes more than 200 new employees skilled in advanced manufacturing and 130 more employees in high tech maintenance to name just a fraction of those who will benefit by this project.

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

The ATC will provide graduating high school students, military veterans, unemployed workers looking to increase their skills, as well as current members of the workforce the opportunity to learn the skills needed to satisfy immediate demands from local industry. Students completing this training are virtually guaranteed to receive offers for immediate employment in high paying positions from one or more of the many manufacturing companies, as well as the expanding aerospace companies on the Space Coast. Short-term/noncredit certificates typically lead to immediate employment. Retention and completion in these programs will increase due to the direct connection to excellent employment opportunities on Florida’s Space Coast. It can be easily argued that not only will hundreds of additional students benefit from this project each year, but all Floridians will also benefit as a result of a higher level of success of the high-tech industry and manufacturing on Florida’s Space Coast.

**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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The immediate benefit will be a higher quality and more effective delivery of specialized training to students. In the longer term, an increased number of EFSC students will be able to benefit through the expansion of these highly sought after programs and in turn increase the number of skilled workers available to local industry. There are approximately 550 manufacturers in our region of the State of Florida, many of which will benefit greatly from this project. A main priority of the College is not simply to provide the education and training for students, but to introduce students to our business partners through the use of internships and networking resulting in getting them into a career field on the Space Coast that they will love. It is not only good for the student seeking quality employment, but it will also be critical in the long run to Florida's financial future. In our most recent data 42% of those students obtaining internships were offered employment with that company.

**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?**

As a State College and a direct asset of the State of Florida, the State always possesses the option to decrease operational funding or demand closure or restructuring of programs if not in the best interests of its citizens.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

**16. 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

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number