



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2056

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

For the past 50 years, NEFBA has offered a quality, registered- apprenticeship program to provide career development in the skilled trades as a pathway to high-wage, high-demand careers in the construction industry. Employers who sponsor apprentices through our Program pay the tuition over the course of the four years and the apprentices complete with zero debt and are averaging salaries of \$62,000 per year. Funding from this project will be for capital expenses for a new center for the NEFBA Apprenticeship Program, which will help meet the growing demand for training a highly skilled workforce in our region. We currently train 465 apprentices and will expand to 600 apprentices by 2028.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	13%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	4%
Other	5,000,000	83%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. **Is future-year 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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## Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 10. 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

03/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2025

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Internal operational funds will continue to be sourced from the private sector, charitable foundations, and State Department of Education funding and grants (which we currently receive).

11. 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.

NEFBA will own and maintain the training facility. The Apprenticeship Program is a part of NEFBA.

### 12. 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</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	Classroom renovations including the purchase of classroom furnishings to include desks, tables, and chairs. Additionally, funds will be used to purchase instructional aides such as white boards, projectors and projection screens/tvs.	750,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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

NEFBA offers an apprenticeship program to provide career development in the skilled trades as a pathway to high-wage, high-demand careers in the construction industry. NEFBA began the program in 1973 in response to the growing need for skilled craft workers in the local area. Currently, NEFBA offers Apprenticeship training in the fields of Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC and Plumbing. NEFBA's Apprenticeship Program is currently at capacity of 465 active apprentices, and this project will allow us to expand to 600 apprentices by 2028.

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

The tuition-free NEFBA program provides great opportunities to those who are not college-bound, and leaves graduates with \$0 in student loan debt with post-graduation wages of \$60,000 or more. Upon graduation, apprentices are awarded up to 27 credit hours towards an A.S. degree in Industrial Management from the Florida state college system.

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

Jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, high school students, university/college students, formerly incarcerated persons, and veterans.

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

This expansion of the Apprenticeship Program will provide increased opportunities for career development in the skilled trades as a pathway to high-wage, high-demand careers in the construction industry. Apprenticeship is the cornerstone of NEFBA's active workforce development services for the 4th largest HBA in the nation. All registered apprentices are employed throughout the duration of their program by over 200 local employers. The tuition-free NEFBA program leaves graduates with \$0 in student loan debt. Upon graduation, apprentices are awarded up to 27 credit hours towards an A.S. degree in industrial Management from the Florida state college system. The methodology by which this outcome will be measured is using post-graduate surveys tracking employment status of participants.

**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 in the contract?**

Money per day due to not meeting the minimum requirements as provided.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received



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☐ No

☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

☐ Yes, Applied

☐ Yes, Received

☐ No

☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

#### 17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 18. 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) 501(c)(6) non-profit trade association



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d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*