



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1724

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Through partnerships with local organizations, academic institutions and businesses, CodeBoxx Foundation identifies and supports high-potential, non-traditional students who might not otherwise connect with coding schools and technology training. In addition to building strong foundations in software development, CodeBoxx places a special focus on upskilling the local workforce in technology and in-demand AI skills needed for today's fast-moving economy. State funding will support 12-15 technology boot camps with cohorts of 20-25 participants each who are equipped to hit the ground running and get the job done at a lower price point than university graduates. In addition, the program will provide the support needed to deliver wrap-around services (career training, job placement, and case management) while expanding the program's scope and reach to include specialized tracks in high-demand fields like cloud computing, DevOps, data science, and more.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

#### 6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

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

#### 7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	46%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	40,000	4%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	550,000	50%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>1,090,000</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		
2025-26	0	500,000	127A	No

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

### 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	Grant and Program Administrator	47,250
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Student Career Placement Services Officer	47,250
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Wrap around support; Student Support; technology needs; Learning Management systems; Travel expenses related to site visits, recruitment, and program and community development; supplies and other program administration expenses.	295,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Technical training instructors - 2 positions Institutional Partner Outreach and Relationship Management Position	110,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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CodeBoxx will host 12-15 boot camps with cohorts of 20-25 participants each, as well as courses in critical technology sectors including AI and cybersecurity, leading to immediate employment and long-term financial security for 200+ Florida residents. 85% of CodeBoxx graduates who have completed the program have been placed in jobs immediately upon graduation at partner companies such as eBay, Humana, Spontivly Bedrock, iDimension, RevStar, and even CodeBoxx.

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

CodeBoxx will host technology boot camps, develop AI-focused courses, provide cybersecurity training and other specialized tracks in high-demand fields and early tech and AI training for high school students to build diverse pathways to meaningful employment.

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

200+ individuals will be equipped to enter the technology workforce supported by essential wrap-around services including career training, job placement, ongoing mentor support and case management, ensuring comprehensive support throughout their training.

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

Agile training programs like CodeBoxx help residents—including youth and underserved populations—adapt quickly to shifting economic conditions. Offering a faster, more affordable alternative to traditional degree paths, CodeBoxx supports underemployed and career-changing adults while advancing Florida's goal of becoming the nation's leader in workforce education—producing job-ready technologists who strengthen the state's innovation economy and resilience to economic change.

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

CodeBoxx anticipates that state funding would provide immediate employment leading to long-term financial security for over 200+ Florida residents. This outcome will be measured through employment placement of students. With state support, 300+ students have been served through CodeBoxx programs to date, with 85% of graduates placed in jobs immediately upon graduation at partner companies such as eBay, Humana, Spontivly Bedrock, iDimension, RevStar, and even CodeBoxx itself.

**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?**

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met would be returned to the state.

**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
- ☐ No



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☐ 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)

d. First Name  Last Name



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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.*