



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1915

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

A total nonrecurring appropriation of \$2,000,000 in the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund within the Division of Economic Development budget entity to establish a Technical Assistance Initiative for Small Manufacturers. This initiative will deliver direct technical assistance to small manufacturers, including assessments, access to capital, cyber resiliency, and continuous improvement services. It will support the accelerated adoption of advanced manufacturing technologies, leadership and workforce development, and strategic business growth, enhancing the competitiveness and resilience of Florida's manufacturing sector.

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	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	2,000,000	50%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	4,000,000	100%

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	250,000	2077	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.

The intent is to secure recurring funding. Federal funding is available for the match to double the investment by the state.



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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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Management and oversight of the grant.	114,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Financial, reporting, and administrative support.	86,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Technical assistance experts and service delivery.	285,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel and supplies.	143,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Third party contracted services.	1,372,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose of the requested \$2,000,000 is to establish a Technical Assistance Initiative for Small Manufacturers in Florida. This initiative will deliver direct technical assistance to manufacturers, including assessments, access to capital, cyber resiliency, and continuous improvement services. It aims to support the accelerated adoption of advanced manufacturing technologies, leadership and workforce development, and strategic business growth, ultimately enhancing the competitiveness and resilience of Florida's manufacturing sector.

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



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The funds will support activities such as assessments and needs analyses, access to capital resources, cyber resiliency services, and continuous improvement initiatives. Additionally, the program will provide leadership and workforce development, advanced manufacturing technology adoption, and strategic business growth for Florida's small manufacturers.

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

The funds will provide small manufacturers, who are Florida citizens, with direct services including assessments, access to capital resources, cyber resiliency, and continuous improvement support. It also offers leadership and workforce development, adoption of advanced manufacturing technologies, and strategic business growth, enhancing overall competitiveness and productivity.

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

The target population includes small manufacturers across Florida, particularly those in rural, unserved, or underserved areas. The initiative aims to serve manufacturing businesses, impacting tens of thousands of employees within these firms.

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

Core measures include new & retained sales, cost savings and avoidance, increased capital investment, and jobs created or retained. Federal sponsor surveys clients, through a third-party, 6 to 12 months after project completion to determine the impacts realized.

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?

Non-payment for non-performance.

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
- ☐ 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:



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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**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

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