



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2250

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Request for appropriation of \$1,244,000 to expand Career and Technical Education programs at Cape Coral Technical College (School District of Lee County). Funds would go toward the initial phase for master campus architectural design and engineering plans and costs associated with preconstruction to add two buildings to the existing campus property. Programs planned for the expanded campus include: Automotive Service Technology, Marine Service Technologies, HVAC-R, Welding Technology, and other construction-related and building trades programs.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,244,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,244,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,244,000	9%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	13,356,000	91%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	14,600,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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?



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

As a post-secondary institution within the School District of Lee County, Cape Coral Technical College received a total of \$1.194 million in "institutional" funds through Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF). These funds were used for major indoor air quality improvements and additional student aid distributions. Cape Tech also received \$917,000 in designated "Student Aid" HEERF funds that have been fully distributed to students over the past two years.

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

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.

13. 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Master campus architectural design and engineering plans and costs associated with pre-construction to add two additional buildings to the existing campus property for new workforce development programs.	1,244,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,244,000

14. Program Performance

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



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These funds will help establish new skilled-trades workforce development programs that are not currently offered in the City of Cape Coral. The goal of campus expansion is to add capacity for at least 200 additional graduates per year who are ready to join the local workforce in high-demand industries.

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

Funds will be used to establish site plans and building designs through architectural and engineering services. This is a required first step toward campus expansion for Cape Coral Technical College, the only college in a city of more than 200,000 residents.

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

Funding will be used to help establish new workforce development programs that will provide affordable, high-wage "career in a year" public workforce education options for the citizens of Southwest Florida.

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

The target population is citizens looking to upskill or reskill in order to achieve a career in a high-wage trades profession. This includes high school students, college students, unemployed citizens, economically disadvantaged persons, and career changers. New programs will provide additional capacity for approximately 200 career certification graduates per year.

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

Progress toward the goal of 200 career certification graduates and placement in jobs in fields related to their programs will be measured annually. Cape Coral Technical College is required to track, maintain detailed documentation of, and report student completion, placement, and licensure data by the Council on Occupational Education (accrediting agency). Data are also reported to the state annually for operational purposes.

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?

Funding will be reduced or eliminated.

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



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☐ 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