

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: South Florida State College Mobile Welding Lab

2. Date of Submission: 11/14/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Ben Albritton

Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
If answer to 4a is ?No? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 <i>(If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					500,000	500,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2018-19? No

5a. If yes, which state agency?

5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Education

5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No

5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

None--the funds are primarily for the equipment needed to offer a welding program so that welding training can be offered throughout the district.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Thomas Leitzel
- b. Organization: South Florida State College
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7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Sidney Valentine
- b. Organization: South Florida State College
- c. Email: sidney.valentine@southflorida.edu
- d. Phone #: (863)784-7120

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Keaton Alexander
- b. Firm: Silver Palm Consulsing, LLC
- c. Email: keaton@jdalexander.com
- d. Phone #: (863)528-2024

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: South Florida State College
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Highlands
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College

Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

This request will create the SFSC Mobile Welding Lab, which will allow the college to provide low-cost welding training at college campuses and high schools throughout Highlands, Hardee, and DeSoto counties. There is currently no such training available to support employer needs throughout the service district.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter ?0? if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	Salaries and benefits of a full-time Faculty to teach welding to students at various locations throughout DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands counties (SFSC service district).	65,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Specially designed and equipped truck and trailer containing welding equipment and supplies; virtual welder for training simulations; travel expenses	435,000
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		

Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		500,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category ?h. Fixed Capital Outlay? was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

N/A

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

A training program needs assessment was completed in DeSoto County in 2015 which identified "welding" as one of the highest level needs in the area.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

No

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Education and training of students for gainful employment or continuing education as a welder or an occupation in which welding knowledge/skills is essential

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Classes will be held to provide welding education and training to citizens throughout South Florida State College's service district (DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands counties

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups.").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	Graduates of the program would also have the skills to participate in the genre of artistic welding, which is a growing art form within the Heartland region.	The number of completers participating in artistic welding would be used to evaluate the cultural impact of the project.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	A welding program will be created in a service district with no local access to welding training.	SFSC will track the location of participants and their placement versus the number trained annually to evaluate the project's impact on improving educational quality within the service district.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	The SFSC mobile welding lab will support expansion of advanced manufacturing and related industries throughout the region.	SFSC will use a number of factors to evaluate impact on economic activity, including the number of new jobs within related sectors, annualized earning for those new positions, and growth in the number of independent professional welders in the region.
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	There are currently 136 jobs posted in welding and related occupations; however, there is no locally-available training option to support these industries.	200 individuals will be trained annually to fill entry and mid-level positions as welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers. A readily-available workforce pool will also encourage employers to expand operations requiring trained welding and metal working employees.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	Welders and jobs requiring welding as a skill-set are a growing occupational sector in both the heartland and throughout Florida. An estimated 674 individuals are needed to meet expected workforce demand over the next 10 years.	200 individuals will be trained annually for jobs paying \$18-29 per hour.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2018-19 from all sources of funding (Enter ?0? if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in
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1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	500,000	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	500,000	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No