

## CCPS Career and Technical Center

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**Area:** Countywide

**Location:** The project is located throughout the Charlotte County Public Schools District

**Category:** Schools

**Focus Area:** Economic and Community Development

### Need:

Charlotte County needs a highly skilled workforce to drive economic growth and create high-wage job opportunities for its residents.

### Purpose:

Sales tax funds will be used to build/upgrade career and technical education facilities and purchase industry-standard equipment to prepare students for high-skill, high-wage jobs in Charlotte County.

### Objectives:

Upgrading and developing career and technical education labs will involve purchasing new equipment, building new facilities, and modernizing existing facilities to meet industry standards.

<b>Project Cost Prior Funding:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Project Cost Prior from Sales Tax:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>
<b>Project Cost Required New Sales Tax:</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>
<b>Annual Operating Cost:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

**Will the project impact public health and safety? If so, how?**

No

**Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? If so, how?**

Yes. The project will foster economic development by preparing students for high-wage, high-demand careers across multiple industries, equipping them with industry-recognized certifications that lead directly to long-term employment. It will also support a skilled local workforce talent pipeline that attracts and retains businesses in Charlotte County.

**Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?**

The project will result in increased operation and maintenance costs due to installing new equipment and facility upgrades, which require ongoing upkeep to align with current industry standards and ensure safe and effective student training environments.

**Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?**

Yes. Sales tax funds will be used to meet matching requirements for additional grant opportunities. Charlotte County Public Schools will continue actively seeking external funding sources that expand the impact of local investment in workforce development.

**Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2014 sales tax extension?**

No. This is a new initiative aimed at expanding and enhancing career and technical education opportunities to meet the current and future workforce needs of Charlotte County.

**Is this a joint project with another entity?**

No.

**Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as: low-income, aged, or minorities?**

Yes. CTE programs are open to all middle and high school students in Charlotte County, including low-income students and individuals with disabilities, and also serve adult learners through Charlotte Technical College, supporting access to high-skill, high-wage career pathways.

**Is the project included in a Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, or Capital Needs Assessment?**

Yes. The project aligns with the Charlotte County Public Schools Strategic Plan, addresses workforce priorities identified by the Economic Development Office, and supports the high-skill workforce needs recognized by Space Florida.

**Will the project impact environmental quality of Charlotte County? If so, how?**

There is no negative impact on the environmental quality in Charlotte County.

**Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?**

Yes. The project will improve quality of life by expanding access to high-quality career and technical education, increasing job readiness and economic mobility for residents, and supporting the attraction of new employees and employers to Charlotte County.

**Is the project state or federally mandated?**

No. While not state or federally mandated, the project supports economic development and expands access to high-paying career opportunities in Charlotte County.

**Is the project dependent upon or connected with the completion of another project?**

No. This is a standalone project and is not dependent upon completing any other project.