



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2138

1. Title of Project: Jefferson County Somerset School District

2. Senate Sponsor: Travis Hutson

3. Date of Submission: 02/20/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

When Somerset Academy Incorporated was chosen to run the entire school district in Jefferson County it became apparent that there would be some unique challenges to serving the students in a largely rural and economically challenged environment. The bus fleet in the school district is aging and non compliant with state student transportation standards. In order to meet the needs of the students and to provide opportunities for additional before and after-school tutoring, counseling for students and families, academic enrichment and advancement and emergency management transportation for hurricanes a complete overhaul of the student transportation system is necessary. This overhaul will include the purchase of new buses, hiring of drivers, and a new bus coordinator.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,865,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	1,865,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,865,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,865,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Transportation Coordinator and 14 drivers	325,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	14 New buses @ \$110,000	1,540,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,865,000

11. Program Performance:

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

To increase student achievement and provide safe transportation and counseling services to children in an economically disadvantaged student population.

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

The activities and services that will be provided include: tutoring before and after-school, counseling services for students and families, academic enrichment, activities and sports for PreK-12th grade students and emergency management transportation to hurricane shelter for Jefferson County residents in case of emergency.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Tutoring instruction in reading, math, science, social studies and technology, transportation and face to face counseling.

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

The target population will be approximately 850 PreK-12 12th grade students. In the case of shelter transportation and family counseling approximately 250 individuals.

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

The expected benefit from the project will be improved student achievement measured through the K-12 FLDOE State Accountability System, Family engagement measured through parent counseling and meeting logs and improved transportation to hurricane shelter measured through shelter registration information.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard



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penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

None. No contracting agency other than non-profits Somerset Academy Incorporated and Jefferson County School Board.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

The School Board of Jefferson County.

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Somerset Academy Schools Incorporated
- b. **County:** Jefferson
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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