



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2924

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Blountstown Elementary School was completely destroyed by Hurricane Michael in October 2018. Original estimates utilized outdated construction costs and funding estimates were significantly below actual construction costs. Calhoun County School District was appropriated \$30,210,629.00 for the project through Special Facilities utilizing State Fiscal Recovery Funds. The project actually has a contracted GMP for \$32,354,103.00. This has the District short \$2,143,474.00 in addition to the required local effort equivalent to 4.5 mills.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,143,474
Total State Funds Requested	2,143,474

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,143,474	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,143,474	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	11,161,015	Section 197	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes



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

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds have been appropriated to Calhoun County through the Department of Education Special Facilities process.

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
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

11/01/2022

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/01/2024

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.

The Calhoun County School District will be the owners/custodians of the facility on behalf of the citizens of Calhoun County.

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	The funds will be used to complete the construction of a new Blountstown Elementary School that was destroyed by Hurricane Michael.	2,143,474
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,143,474

14. Program Performance

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



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Funds for the construction of a new Blountstown Elementary School were originally appropriated using State Stabilization Funds during the 2021 Legislative Session in the amount of \$19,049,614.00. Calhoun County received an increase in their allocation from these same funds to mitigate the increase in construction inflation in the amount of \$11,161,015.00. This was prior to the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) being determined. Due to construction market inflation, the actual GMP is \$32,354,103.00. The requested funds will assist in the final phase of the project being completed.

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

The new Blountstown Elementary School will allow the PK-5th grade students to have a facility with access to high quality instructional service as well as social and emotional services.

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

Complete funding for construction of a facility to carry out educational programs, including a full range of academic offerings as well as exceptional student educational services. Those students that are in temporary facilities will also regain basic educational amenities that were lost as a result of the storm.

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

The current BES population is approximately 500 PK-5th grade students. This facility will be expected to meet the needs of this age group of students for decades to come.

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

Permanent construction of a new BES will provide that student population and all of the students that will attend BES in the future, basic educational amenities that were lost as a result of Hurricane Michael. Evidence of the outcomes of the completion of this project will be a fully constructed and operational replacement facility for the destroyed BES.

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?

Standard contract penalties are applicable.

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) PK-12 Public School

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