



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2572

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project was funded through the Special Facilities Construction Account using State Fiscal Recovery Funds. Original estimates for school construction were based on 2015 construction costs and later updated to 2019 construction costs. Given the age of the original construction estimates and construction inflation, final estimates of the facility are now approximately \$24,671,043 million higher.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	24,671,043
Total State Funds Requested	24,671,043

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)	24,671,043	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	24,671,043	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	15,609,863	Section 197	No

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?

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



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The State Fiscal Stabilization Funds channeled through existing Special Facilities Funding stream.

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?

05/11/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2026

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 Okeechobee County School Board will receive the funds and own the building on behalf of the citizens of Okeechobee.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Other Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	NA	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	NA	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	NA	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	NA	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The appropriation will complete the construction, demolition, lighting, fencing and parking improvements using the guaranteed maximum price model.	24,671,043
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		24,671,043

14. Program Performance

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



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Funds for the replacement of Okeechobee High School were originally appropriated using State Fiscal Stabilization funds during the 2021 legislative session in the amount of \$66,832,629. Later, Okeechobee received an increase in their allocation from these same funds to mitigate the increase in construction inflation in the amount of \$15,609,863. This was prior to the guaranteed maximum price was generated for the project. In reality, due to construction inflation, the price is actually \$107,113,535.06. Requested funds in the amount of \$24,671,043 will assist in the final phase of the project to complete the 250,000 square feet facility.

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

The new Okeechobee High School campus will meet the needs of all 9-12 high school students in Okeechobee County academically and athletically.

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

All high school students will be served academically and vocationally through this facility. It will serve as the county's largest hurricane shelter during storms. Indian River State College will be able to use our science labs for instruction. Many community agencies and organizations will be able to host meetings and use our athletic facilities.

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

Two schools, the Okeechobee Freshman Campus (9th) and Okeechobee High School (10th-12th) will be combined on one campus. The structure will be capable of serving over 1,705 students. Several thousand individuals attend hundreds of activities each year on this campus.

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

Increased access to advanced coursework for students. Increased efficiency in school operations and services. Better academic performance. Increased instructional time by eliminating transportation between two schools for access to career and technical courses. This project will benefit the local and regional economy as Okeechobee County is a Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.), Rural Area of Economic Concern, and a Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes).

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?

Fines could be assessed for failure to meet timelines.

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)



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Local Entity

University or College

Other (please specify) K-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