



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2638

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Cornerstone Classical Academy will use funds for the exterior structure of a gymnasium and upper school building on school campus. The gym will provide athletic needs for students, community events and possible back up storm shelter. The upper school building will provide space for additional grades being added to the school (10th grade in 2024-2025, 11th grade in 2025-2026, ect.)

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,720,309
Total State Funds Requested	1,720,309

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)	1,720,309	91%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	175,101	9%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,895,410	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24		1,200,000	23B	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.

Cornerstone Classical Academy received an ESSER grant in the amount of \$296,452.65 for the following: Cleaning supplies, HVAC overhaul, two academic coaches, one guidance counselor, reading intervention program for kids who are behind due to COVID.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Fall 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Fall 2025

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.

Cornerstone Classical Academy

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	Funds for the exterior structure of a gymnasium/upper school building on school campus. The gymnasium portion of the building will provide athletic needs for students, community events and possible back up storm shelter. The upper school portion of the building will provide space for additional grades being added to the school (10th grade in 2024-2025, 11th grade in 2025-2026, ect.)	1,720,309
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,720,309

14. Program Performance

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



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Funds for the exterior structure of a gymnasium/upper school building on school campus. The gymnasium portion of the building will provide athletic needs for students, community events and possible back up storm shelter.

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

Building the exterior of the gymnasium/upper school building on school campus. The gymnasium portion of the building will provide athletic needs for students, community events and possible back up storm shelter. Additionally, the exterior building of the gymnasium/upper school building will allow the school to provide space for additional grades being added to the school.

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

Direct services provided to citizens would include support for the school provide physical fitness classes, athletic team practices, games, tournaments, community events and a safe space for a storm shelter and provided space for additional grades being added to the school.

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

The target population served by the building the exterior of the gymnasium/upper school building includes 900+ students from VPK to high school. Additionally, by expanding the campus to include a gym and upper school building, the surrounding community can be served with events as well as be used as a storm shelter.

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

The exterior gym building will allow our students to be more physically active which will lead to better grades, academic performance, attendance, classroom behaviors, and school morale. Physical fitness has shown to improve learning in reading, math, and writing skills. It will also allow the athletic teams the ability to practice and compete in sports without having to long travel to rented spaces. The school will conduct physical challenges, such as those found within the presidents physical fitness test, at the beginning and the end of the school year in order to track improvements. Survey the students and parents will also be utilized throughout the year.

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?

Funds will be returned if deliverables are not met.

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) School District

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