



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2784

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hurricane Ian caused unprecedented damage to the schools within the School District of Lee County (District). Eighty-eight schools were closed for a minimum of fifteen days. Five schools sustained severe damage and students at three schools have been relocated to other school sites, impacting students at both the host schools and the closed schools. Current estimates for the cost of recovery for the District's schools are \$282 million. The District initiated a claim for FEMA public assistance, met with FEMA, FDEM, and FDOE leadership, and is gathering detailed documentation for the FEMA claims process. Costs presented within this request assume that 100% of the District's FEMA public assistance requests will be approved. If FEMA approves less than 100%, the District's costs will increase. The District requests an allocation that will allow the District to provide a safe and equitable learning environment for students and staff, including the repair/rebuild of two campuses.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 17,550,392 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 17,550,392 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 17,550,392 | 9% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 104,555,267 | 53% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 17,425,878 | 9% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 58,173,284 | 29% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 | 197,704,821 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
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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.



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The total amount of funding to be requested is currently unknown. However, updates will be provided as information becomes available. Loans will be necessary if state funding is not available.

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.

The School District of Lee County has been allocated \$323,500,000 through the CARES Act, CRRSA Act, and the American Rescue Plan for various projects that were specific to each allocation. The funding provided support for Pre-K-12 and Technical College students, with all funding relating to the preparation, response, or prevention of Covid-19. The majority of the allocation was targeted to mitigate learning loss and to close the achievement gap.

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

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

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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 owner of the facilities is the School District of Lee County, for which the School Board of Lee County provides oversight.

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: | | |



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| Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering | These funds will be utilized to reimburse the District's FEMA public assistance claim's current cost share (12.5%) for the repair and replacement (where applicable) of damaged facilities. | 17,550,392 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 17,550,392 |

14. Program Performance

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

The School District of Lee County will repair/rebuild schools that sustained damage due to Hurricane Ian and replace the damaged building contents, returning the learning environments to at least a pre-disaster condition. There are many projects associated with recovery on 88 campuses. The projects are in various phases of planning, design and construction. Smaller projects are underway and will be completed in 2023. Further analysis is required to determine the fate of two catastrophically damaged campuses. While decisions are evaluated, students are co-located at alternate campuses or are in temporary structures. Please note: approximately \$17.5 million is not reimbursable by FEMA/insurance.

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

The District will engage contractors to repair/rebuild schools that sustained hurricane-related damage. In addition, the District will replace furniture and other building contents damaged by the storm, including instructional materials. The result will be equitable and safe learning environments for 100,000 students across the county.

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

The District will continue to provide a high-quality education for 100,000 students in a safe and equitable learning environment. Students currently relocated to alternate campuses will be able to return to a repaired/rebuilt school, and the hosting campuses will be able to return to their regular student population.

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

The target population served by this project are the 100,000 students and 13,000 staff members of the School District of Lee County.

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

The outcome of this project is that the School District of Lee County will be able to repair/rebuild the schools that sustained damage due to the impacts of Hurricane Ian and replace the damaged building contents. The outcome will be measured by a list of damaged schools that have been repaired/rebuilt and whose building contents have been replaced utilizing the funding associated with the appropriation; and by the reopening of schools that are currently closed, with students relocated to other other schools or assigned to temporary campuses.

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?

The School District of Lee County will reimburse the funding to the state.

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**



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b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

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