



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1295

1. Title of Project: Remodel Wauchula Elementary Ten Room Building

2. Senate Sponsor: Ben Albritton

3. Date of Submission: 02/06/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Funds will be spent to renovate a building at Wauchula Elementary School. It was built in 1968 and has 10,668 sq. ft. but has been vacant for many years. The renovation has been recommended by the Dept. Of Education in the Five Year Education Plant Survey. This will include new bathrooms, new interior divisions, new flooring, new HVAC system, plumbing, electrical wiring, escape windows and architectural/engineering fees. After renovation, it will be used for classrooms. We have planned for 5 - 5th grade classrooms as well as 5 - 4th grade classrooms. Renovations would also impact intermediate grades. Currently, 4th and 5th grade classrooms are housed in two different buildings on the school site. With the renovations, teamwork, collaboration, and effective communication would improve. This project was scheduled for 2022-23 in our most recent District Facilities Work Program. If approved, a Legislative appropriation would accelerate this project to 2019-20.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	938,784
Total State Funds Requested	938,784

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)	938,784	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	938,784	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



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

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		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovate building including electrical, plumbing, lighting, restrooms, HVAC system, bell/alarm system, retrofit for technology, painting, flooring, etc.	938,784
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		938,784

11. Program Performance:

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

The facility at WES is over 50 years old. Minimal renovations have been made to the interior classrooms since the school was built. Teachers are currently teaching in classrooms that did not include thought for proper lighting, acoustic or flexible learning space. With renovations to the building, 4th and 5th grade students would now have access to classrooms with better lighting, improved acoustics, and sufficiently flexible instruction which would improve learning. Renovations with electrical outlet upgrades will allow teachers to seamlessly include more technology devices in instruction, improving student engagement in instruction and depth of concepts.

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

Instructional services for 4th and 5th grade students at Wauchula Elementary School.

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

Currently, 4th and 5th grade classrooms are housed in two different buildings on the school site. With the renovations of the building, we can house both fourth and fifth grade units together and teamwork, collaboration, and effective communication would improve. Instructional design would also improve as departmentalization could be expanded to include cross grade level departmentalization. This would help administration better manage class size and better develop teachers in their content knowledge. Retention and recruitment of highly qualified teachers would also improve as research shows that school facilities play a vital role in such efforts. Renovations would not only impact 4th and 5th grades; it would have a school wide impact. By having additional space, through vacating the current classrooms, the school's PreK program could be moved out of portables and onto the main campus to partner them with the kindergarten team.



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

The Hardee County School District and Hardee County residents. Over 700 students attend Wauchula Elementary School.

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

After renovation, Wauchula Elementary instructors will be able to better serve their students.

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 in the contract?

None

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 ten room building at Wauchula Elementary is owned by the Hardee County School District

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- d. **Phone Number:** (863)773-9058

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Hardee County School Board
- b. **County:** Hardee
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) Political subdivision of county government
- d. **Contact Name:** Greg Harrelson
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None



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