



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1876

1. **Title of Project:** North Florida School of Special Education

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Aaron Bean

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/08/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The school's growth and the community's need for a therapeutic recreation center has created the need for expansion. In addition to the daily school program, the vision for the expansion is to offer afterschool, weekend and summer programs to not only our student body, but to all individuals with disabilities who would benefit from a facility with these unique services and programs. Located in the Arlington area, the new Education and Therapeutic Center will enhance the City of Jacksonville's efforts to redefine this community. Most notably, three partner agencies will join us in providing programs and services that will set this new facility apart from any other (Brooks Rehab, Horse Sense and Sensitivity and the Drexel Fund). The new multi-purpose building and campus grounds will include eight academic classrooms, a commercial kitchen, onsite therapy rooms, library, gymnasium, auditorium, art and music classrooms and a therapeutic equestrian center.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	14.3%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	6,000,000	85.7%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	7,000,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		500,000	114	Yes

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	Building to house classrooms for lower school and intermediate students, as well as gymnasium, culinary kitchen, library, music and art classrooms and therapy rooms. Programs and services will also be available for others living in the five-county area with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The major goal of the new campus and therapeutic center is to expand educational programs and support services to all children and individuals living in our five-county area with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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

This expansion will provide additional classroom space; provide a culinary kitchen for vocational training as well as daily lunches for students; provide after-school care for students as well as others living in Northeast Florida; and provide therapeutic and recreation programs in the afternoons and weekends.

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

In addition to daily educational programs, students will receive additional intense therapy, PE classes, art/music and equine therapy. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in group counseling sessions led by a trained mental health counselor during school hours. After-school sessions will also be available for community. Culinary and vocational training will also be a focus.

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

Target population to be served includes economically disadvantaged children and individuals, developmentally and physically disabled, preschool students, grade school students and high school students. Number served in the target population is expected to be 201-400 yearly.



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

Increased physical fitness measured by appropriate pre and post testing; improved mental health measured by pre and post testing and teacher/mental health counselor observation; enhanced understanding and acceptance of all cultures and differences measured by teacher observation; improved eating habits and availability of healthy foods with the school's urban farm accepting EBT and expansion into food deserts; improve quality of education through achievement of academic, social and vocational training as measured by ULS, the research-based curriculum and pre and post testing; the expansion will require additional employment of professionals paraprofessionals and will also provide employment for the school's transition and post graduate 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?

Penalty- Money per day due to not meeting the minimum requirements as provided.

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.

North Florida School of Special Education is a 501(c)(3) organization.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** North Florida School of Special Education
- b. **County:** Duval
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information



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