



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2522

1. Title of Project: Hurricane Michael Calhoun County School District - Classroom Construction

2. Senate Sponsor: Bill Montford

3. Date of Submission: 03/04/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The long-term recovery process in Calhoun County, due to devastating impacts of Hurricane Michael, will take years. All damaged educational facilities need to be repaired and replaced as soon as possible. The majority of Blountstown Elementary School was structurally damaged and is considered unsafe. The Calhoun County School Board is pursuing a restructuring plan to provide high quality educational opportunities, in a safe learning environment for our students. The most immediate need is to construct new buildings to replace facilities that were damaged and to renovate others to assist in the transition and recovery process. Blountstown Elementary School will relocate to the current middle school campus. Middle school grades from Blountstown Middle School will consolidate onto the campus of Blountstown High School, creating a grade six through twelve facility. This restructuring plan will substantially reduce our recurring operational costs, eliminating one entire school facility.

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	26,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	26,200,000

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)	26,200,000	86.75%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	4,000,000	13.25%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	30,200,000	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	Blountstown Elementary School will relocate to the current middle school campus. A few of the existing middle school buildings need renovation. Supplemental classrooms are needed to house the additional number of elementary students. The additional classrooms will primarily be lower elementary grades, and there is a need for restroom facilities conducive for young children. The current food service area needs to be replaced to accommodate the larger student population.	26,200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		26,200,000

11. Program Performance:

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

This Local Funding Initiative Request will reduce the District's operational costs, eliminating one entire school facility from the district, consequently eliminating the administrative overhead, the costs of electricity, other utilities, and operational costs. This consolidation of middle and high school grades to one campus will allow for enhanced elective offerings. The plan will provide for a reduction in staff, in an effort to more efficiently fill classrooms. This proposal will greatly enhance the acceleration opportunities for our middle school students. It will allow our middle school students to access high school level academic and elective courses, in addition, will provide the opportunity to enter and complete our career and technical programs earlier.

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

High quality PreK through 12th grade student instructional services, social and emotional support services for all students and staff, athletic and extracurricular activities, and college or career pathways for all students.

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

Educational programs, including PreK through grade 12 student academic, social and emotional, and special education services, along with career and technical educational programs.



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

Approximately 1,300 students, in grades PreK through 12th grade, in Calhoun County.

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

A reduction in operational expenditures in the Calhoun County School District Budget, combining three school campus facilities into two school campus facilities. Increased student participation in acceleration of higher level academic, career and technical, and dual enrollment courses, preparing PreK-12th grade for college and career pathways. Outcomes may be measured through operational cost savings to the district, student achievement on Florida Standardized Student Assessments, industry certifications and dual enrollment credit hours earned, and high school graduation rate.

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?

Renovations and new construction could take up to 24-36 months, as those time frames are unknown. Currently Blountstown Elementary School students are spread out over the available classrooms on 3 different campuses. This has been a traumatic event for all of the residents of Calhoun County, and our students and staff are going through major life adjustments. This request will assist us in providing stability and consistency of educational services. It is respectfully requested that the Calhoun County School District have 3-5 years, to meet the performance measures provided for in this contract, due to the lengthy process for renovations and new construction, and the significant emotional trauma that our students and staff have experienced.

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.

Calhoun County School Board

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Calhoun County School Board
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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Calhoun County School Board
- b. **County:** Calhoun
- 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

- a. **Name:** None
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