



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1267

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

This request is for the placement of a flashing school zone light. Currently, the growth surrounding the school has tripled and as a result traffic has tripled. As a result traffic is extremely heavy during morning drop off/pickup with traffic going over the speed limit resulting in grave danger to students with autism and their families. The students are elopers and have jumped from their parents' vehicles onto Lantana Road. This resulted in an extremely dangerous scenario and one that will be repeated. There have also been many near accidents as families are lined up for car pool and vehicles on Lantana Road are traveling at fast speeds and either swerve to avoid the car pool lane or are honking out of frustration or anger.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	550,000
Total State Funds Requested	550,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	550,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	550,000	100%

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

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

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?**



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Yes, the school received from the Florida Department of Education's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). This was specific for PPE material and supplies, mental health services for students, and technology to assist with distance learning.

11. 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	Design costs (\$100,000) and construction costs. This amount does not do not include costs related to the possibility of utility relocation.	550,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		550,000

12. Program Performance

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

The installation of a flashing yellow light would greatly slow down traffic during prime drive times (morning and afternoon). Slowing down traffic would prevent fender benders (or worse), prevent a student with autism from being injured, and alleviate a hostile traffic environment while maintaining safety for children 3 months to 21 years of age.

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

Installation of a school zone flashing yellow light will ensure a safer entry onto the campus helping to protect the safety for all of students with autism ages 3-21, the private day care on campus with children 3 months to 5 years old, and the families, staff, and community of commuters on Lantana Road.

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

By granting this request the citizens, including the entire student body of Palm Beach School for Autism (including families and staff), will be able to drop off and pick up with safety measures in place.

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

The target population includes: Developmentally disabled persons, children with autism, preschool students, families of students and from the day care on campus, and the commuters who use Lantana Road during prime drive time. The number of individuals served would be 400-800 daily.

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

The benefit of installing a flashing yellow light would greatly slow down traffic during prime drive time (morning and afternoon). Slowing down traffic would prevent traffic accidents, a student from being injured, and keep the community of commuters safe during prime drive times. The measurable outcome would be the slowing down of traffic.



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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?

If deliverables are not met the school will develop a performance approval plan with specific time lines and outcomes.

13. 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 land on which the school zone light will be installed is on right-of-way owned by Palm Beach County.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number