

LFIR # 1729

1. Project Title	Security Funding for Non-public Schools	

2. Senate Sponsor Dennis Baxley

3. Date of Request 11/29/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Funding will be used to make security enhancements for non-public schools accredited by member organizations of the Florida Association of Academic Non-public Schools (FAANS). Training will also be provided to all FAANS-member schools about recent changes in Florida safety laws.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	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	1,000,000	100%	

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed
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9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

Yes	
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No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Nonpublic schools often include security costs as part of overall tuition and fee structures. This drives up the total cost of education despite widespread efforts to keep nonpublic schools available and affordable for those who desire this option for children. Without state funding, many school administrators will be obliged to increase security costs for parents. This in turn could place an independent or faith-based education out of reach for many families.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



No

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

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	Administrative costs	37,500	
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Security enhancements such as video recording system, fencing, electronic access control to the building(s), alarm and communication system, vehicle access control, ballistic glass and other improvements determined necessary via consultation with local law enforcement or security experts.	840,000	
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Training for both in-person and virtual, on-demand sessions regarding key Florida school safety laws along with related resources, developments and best practices.		
Operational Costs: Other			
Salary and Benefits		0	
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0	
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study			
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	r Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0	
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)1,000,000			

12. Program Performance

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

FAANS member schools will be more secure against faith-based threats, hate crimes and other safety challenges faced.

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

Funding will be used by schools accredited by FAANS-member organizations to pay for security enhancements such as installing alarm and surveillance camera systems, bullet-proof glass, fencing and gates, security doors and electronic access. Training sessions about changes in Florida safety laws, best practices for campus security and other key topics will be made available for in-person or virtual access.

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

Enhanced campus security will be provided.

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

This project will serve more than 22,000 students from prekindergarten to 12th grade. It will also serve more than 2,000 teachers, administrators and other school staff members along with thousands of parents and other school stakeholders.

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



FAANS-member schools will provide enhanced security for their parents, students, teachers and staff members. Schools will access state, federal and other relevant resources for developing campus-wide safety plans and keeping those plans constantly updated. Evaluations such as surveys undertaken as part of the accreditation process may be adapted to measure stakeholder satisfaction with security enhancements and training. Consultation with local law enforcement or security experts may be undertaken.

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?

Schools that submit inaccurate enrollment or other application data will be ineligible to apply for security funds for 3 years.

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.

Certain schools accredited by Florida Association of Academic Nonpublic Schools (FAANS) members will receive funding through the appropriate State agency. The association advocates for families and other stakeholders at member schools. The 21 membership organizations within FAANS each pay a \$450 annual organizational fee. Schools under the purview of membership organizations pay annual dues of \$3 per school. Membership dues are not related to advocacy or government funding outcomes.



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