



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2232

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Jackson County School District is requesting funds to finish the remaining 25% of the renovations needed at Hope School to allow for expansion of services to additional students. Hope School is our special education school that currently serves 130 students. We are needing additional space to expand services to serve an additional 60 students. The expansion of services will focus on students with Autism. This will provide a conducive learning environment for more students with special needs and support the new Regional Autism Training Center at Project Endeavor. There are 10 classrooms needing renovations to repair damage from Hurricane Michael and from being vacant for four years.

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	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

**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	43%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	413,793	18%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	921,793	39%
Other	1,600	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>2,337,186</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**
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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.

\$10,889,114.81 has been received by the District. All of these funds have been used to mitigate impacts of COVID-19 on the learning loss of our students and increase costs associated with COVID-19. Cost for window replacements at Hope School.

**11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Costs related to the planning and construction for renovations to 10 classrooms that remain in need of repair from Hurricane Michael and aging facility not ready for student occupancy.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The purpose of this project is to renovate classrooms to expand services to additional students with special needs. 60 additional students and their families will benefit. Additional support services after graduation will be available through the Regional Autism Training Center. Provide a high-quality education at Hope School that has a "Commendable" rating by the Florida Department of Education.

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

Funds will be used for renovation services through a construction company, architectural firm, construction contractors, and vendors providing goods and services. Families from around the country have moved to Jackson County for their students to attend Hope School providing economic stimulation. Completion of these renovations will allow additional students to attend Hope School.

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

Provide high-quality educational services to an additional 60 students with special needs at Hope School. Prepare students for quality career preparation to transition to Regional Autism Training Center or Jackson County ARC. Provide construction jobs with economic impact to businesses amounting to \$750,000 in goods and services.

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

60 new students and their families by creating new classrooms for instructional services. 20 new instructional staff to support students and their families. Supporting a pipeline of students to new Regional Autism Training Center and Jackson County ARC with students ready for additional training for career readiness. Having students ready for careers will benefit the 49,000 citizens of Jackson County to build the community.

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



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be measured?

The investment of \$1 million will have an immediate \$750,000 impact on the economy with salaries/benefits and economic stimulation of the added 21 jobs anticipated from the project (CCIM, Estimating Economic Impact found at <https://www.ccim.com/cire-magazine/articles/estimating-economic-impact/>). The annualized Return on Investment for operational cost savings and reduction of duplicated staff is \$396,066.68. This accounts for operational costs of school buildings to be vacated, administrative staff, and maintenance staff. Calculations conducted internally by Finance Department.

**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?**

No additional penalties outside of the standard AIA contract.

**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 owner and the entity receiving the funds are one in the same, Jackson County School District.



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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