



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2441

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project proposes to equip Paxton School with an enhanced Agritechnology Academy. Agritechnology is the use of technology in agriculture with the aim of improving yield, efficiency, and profitability. This Agritechnology Pathway will provide hands-on, rigorous career and technical education (CTE) where high school students earn industry certifications and prepare for the growing, everchanging workforce. Numerous partners will be involved such as the city of Paxton, Farm Bureau, and Embry Riddle.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</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)	500,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  No

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?

Yes



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

The Walton County School District has received federal assistance, such as the Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, totaling approximately \$30 million. This money focuses on supports to close the achievement gap and to maintain school operations during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

**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	Agritechnology equipment will be purchased, such as drones, farm machinery, plants, animals, and lab equipment. Certification costs, including curriculum and exams, will also be included. Exploratory travel, professional development for instructors/leaders and field trips for students, will be included as well.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

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

This program offers a sequence of courses for high school students that provide coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and career in the Agritechnology career cluster.

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

The content includes but is not limited to instruction in animal and plant production and processing; agriculture marketing; agriculture mechanics; employability skills; mathematics; basic science; biological sciences; communication; and human-relation skills.

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

201-400 high school students

**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?

- \* Increase in Agritechnology certifications
- \* Increase in graduate rate of career and technical education (CTE) students
- \* Increase in post-secondary attendance of CTE students
- \* Increase in crop development

**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?**

Proposed penalties for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract include withholding of funds and liquidation of damages.

**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.**

N/A



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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) School District

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