



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1221

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds would be used to build a charter high school that would be a part of Academy at the Farm, a K-8 A rated charter school in Pasco County. The school would emphasize character education and prioritize the resiliency of students while providing an inclusive education program that builds students' social, teamwork, communication and leadership skills through research based Kagan structures utilized in the classroom. The outcome will be graduates with the necessary life skills needed for their future education and/or careers.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

| Type of Funding                    | Amount            |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Operations                         | 517,000           |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 13,983,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>14,500,000</b> |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding                                      | Amount            | Percentage  |
|--|-------------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)       | 14,500,000        | 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 2023-2024</b> | <b>14,500,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | Nonrecurring |                             |        |
| 2022-23                  | 0         | 11,855,000   | 108                         | Yes    |

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?

No



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

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning   
  Design   
  Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

### 13. 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                    | Principal Salary for one year prior to school opening   | 100,000           |
| Other Salary and Benefits  | Assistant to the principal and administrative assistant salaries for one year.  | 45,000            |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |   | 0                 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | Pre-construction services   | 15,000            |
| <b>Operational Costs: Other</b>  |   |                   |
| Salary and Benefits  | Teacher salaries for one year for planning curriculum and student engagement  | 297,000           |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |   | 0                 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | Teacher and staff training  | 60,000            |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |   |                   |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      | Final Engineering / Architecture Design & Permitting Fee - \$590,000<br>Civil Site Construction Cost - \$3,000,000<br>Building Construction Cost - \$9,543,000<br>Construction Manager Fee - \$650,000<br>Furniture and Fixtures - \$200,000<br>(estimated costs) | 13,983,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |   | <b>14,500,000</b> |

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The specific purpose is to build a high school that will be part of Academy at the Farm Charter School. There is a high demand, need, and request for a charter high school to be built in this area. The goal is to give the community a high school that provides inclusion, character education, and individualized instruction, as well as a successful school that follows the Elementary and Middle School A Plus School ranking for multiple years in a row.

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

Many students will have the opportunity to continue their education at a successful charter high school. The students will also participate in a character education program through the AATF Six Character Traits. In addition, the students will be provided with individualized instruction as Academy at the Farm is an inclusion school with a 1:8 ratio (each classroom includes a teacher and an Instructional Assistant).

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

To provide a successful charter high school that focuses on inclusion and more individualized instruction. The school would emphasize character education and prioritize the resiliency of students while providing an inclusive education program that builds students' social, teamwork, communication and leadership skills through research based Kagan structures utilized in the classroom. The outcome will be graduates with the necessary life skills needed for their future education and/or careers.

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

The target population that will be served by this project will be high school students. The number of individuals expected to be served will be around 450.

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

The high school students will be able to preserve their mental well-being through the mentoring program, Character Education and a Peer Counseling elective. There will also be an increase in the number of students enrolled in the Agriculture program as the inclusion of FFA is integrated into the high school programs rather than as an extra curricular activity. Students will learn how to work cooperatively with peers through specific Kagan strategies taught in the classroom. The school will also be able to provide about 40 jobs to fill the necessary positions to run the high school.

**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?**

The penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures will be addressed with liquidated damages. This could be incorporated into the overall construction contract.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization**

**b. Municipality and County**

**c. Organization Type**

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- 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**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**