



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1907

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Cornerstone Classical Academy will use funds for the site work in order to build a gym and upper school building on school campus. The gym will provide athletic needs for students, community events, and possible back up storm shelter. The upper school building will provide space for additional grades being added to the school (9th grade in 2023-24, 10th grade in 2024-25, etc.).

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

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)	1,200,000	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 2023-2024	1,200,000	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.

Cornerstone Classical Academy has been fundraising through school fundraisers and events and actively seeking funds from donors and local businesses and organizations.

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.

Cornerstone Classical Academy received an ESSER grant in the amount of \$296,452.65 for the following: Cleaning Supplies, HVAC Overhaul, Two Academic Coaches, One Guidance Counselor, Reading Intervention Program for kids who are behind due to Covid, and Technology Improvement/Student Computers.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Fall 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Fall 2025

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.

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13. 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	Cornerstone Classical Academy will use funds for the site work in order to build a gym and upper school building on school campus. The gym will provide athletic needs for students, community events, and possible back up storm shelter. The upper school building will provide space for additional grades being added to the school (9th grade in 2023-24, 10th grade in 2024-25, etc.).	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The specific goal of the site work is to enable the school to build a gym and upper school building that will provide educational and athletic needs for students, community events, and a possible storm shelter.

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

Site work will enable the school to build a gym which will house physical fitness classes, athletic team practices, games, tournaments, community events, and a safe space for a storm shelter. Additionally, the site work will allow the school to build an upper school building which will provide space for additional grades being added to the school (9th grade in 2023-24, 10th grade in 2024-25, etc.).

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

Direct services provided to citizens would include support for the school to provide physical fitness classes, athletic team practices, games, tournaments, community events, and a safe space for a storm shelter, as well as providing space for additional grades being added to the school (9th grade in 2023-24, 10th grade in 2024-25, etc.).

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

The target population served by site work for the expansion project includes 900+ students from VPK to high school. Additionally, by expanding the campus to include a gym and upper school building, the surrounding community can be served with events, as well as be used as a storm shelter.

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

Site work will enable the school to build a gym, allowing our students to be more physically active, which will lead to better grades, academic performance, attendance, classroom behaviors, and school morale. Physical fitness has been shown to improve learning in reading, math, and writing skills. It will also allow the athletic teams the ability to practice and compete in sports without having long travel to rented spaces. The school will conduct physical challenges, such as those found within the President's Physical Fitness Test, at the beginning and end of the school year in order to track improvements. Surveys for the students and parents will also be utilized throughout the year. Using the site work to build an upper school building on campus will allow the school to add additional high school grades and offer a variety of classes. By providing the middle and high school students with their own building, they will have the ability to learn in an age-appropriate environment.

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?

Funds will be returned if deliverables are not met.

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) School District

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