



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2491

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project proposes to equip Walton High School with an Agriculture Academy. This Agriculture Pathway will provide hands-on, rigorous career and technical education (CTE) where students earn industry certifications and prepare for the growing, everchanging workforce. Numerous partners will be involved such as University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture Services (IFAS); Triumph Gulf Coast; Walton County Master Gardeners; and School Advisory Committees.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	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	500,000	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.

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

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



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\$33.9 million
 COVID-19 federal assistance was used to safely bring students back to school.

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

14. 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 that provide coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in the Agriculture 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?

Target population includes students in the Walton County School District. 401 - 800 students are projected to be served by this CTE over the next decade.

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

50% increase in Agriculture industry certifications
 3% increase in graduation rate of CTE students vs non-CTE students
 5% increase in post-secondary attendance of CTE students vs non-CTE students

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.

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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) School District



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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