



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1031

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

These funds will support the design and early development milestones of constructing a dynamic, multipurpose facility for the Education Foundation of Sarasota County. Funds will be used to complete architectural drawings and begin construction on a 10-story building of workforce housing for educational staff that will be anchored by a centralized HUB to provide direct educational resources, services, and programming for students, teachers, families/caregivers, and community partners, furthering the State's educational and workforce development goals.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,900,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,900,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,900,000	20%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	7,500,000	80%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	9,400,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

private and local funds, grants

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 08/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2028

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Rental fees to cover operations of rental units, operational budget (ongoing philanthropy) to support programmatic services, endowment fund to support maintenance.

11. 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.

Education Foundation of Sarasota County

12. 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		
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	Design development and architectural services, construction documents, demolition of current building and construction costs.	1,900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,900,000

13. Program Performance

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

These funds will support the design and early development milestones of constructing a dynamic, multipurpose facility for the Education Foundation of Sarasota County that will 1) serve as its new HQ, 2) house direct educational resources, services, and programming for students, teachers, families/caregivers, and community partners, furthering the goals of FDOE, and 3) add 5-floors of multifamily workforce housing or ~80 units for teachers and educational staff to Sarasota's portfolio.

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



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

Workforce housing apartments. Choice Navigators will help students find the right K-12 school. Student Success Coaches and mentors will help students plan for life after high school. Resiliency Coaches will help students strengthen life skills. PLANit Sarasota convenes community partners to reach the 60% goal set by Sail to 60. Teacher development programs, which support students and recruitment and retention.

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

Teachers, educational support staff, parents, and caregivers. More than 1,000 individuals annually.

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

Increased economic self sufficiency - By providing affordable workforce housing options, teachers and educational staff who are housing-burdened will have the option to reduce this burden, freeing up important financial resources for other needs and economic activities. Residents will be surveyed to obtain and record this information. Additionally, new jobs, increased teacher preparedness, and students striving for and meeting State standards.

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 in the contract?

No further funds to be allocated towards this project.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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 **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

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