



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1440

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Cornerstone Classical Academy respectfully submits this appropriations request for funding to support the development of an athletic synthetic turf field. This project is a critical investment in the academy's athletic and physical education programs, enhancing student wellness, safety, and overall school engagement.

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 | 750,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 750,000 |

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) | 750,000 | 82% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 163,303 | 18% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 | 913,303 | 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?** No

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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

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)? Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 06/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 08/01/2025

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

Cornerstone Classical Academy will be using general operating funds as well as ongoing fundraisers held throughout the school year for operations and maintenance of the new turf field.

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.

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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 | Funds for the synthetic turf field for physical education and athletics program. | 750,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 750,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

The addition of a turf field will significantly improve athletic opportunities for students while addressing limitations posed by our current field conditions. Unlike natural grass fields, which require frequent maintenance and are susceptible to weather-related closures, a turf field will provide a consistent, year-round playing surface. The proposed turf will feature advanced shock-absorption technology, reducing the risk of injuries while supporting a variety of sports and fitness activities.

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



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This facility will be used for physical education classes, organized sports, and school-wide events, encouraging healthy lifestyles and teamwork among students.

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

The new field will not only benefit students but also serve as a valuable asset for local sports teams, youth programs, and community gatherings, fostering stronger civic engagement.

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

The primary beneficiaries of the Cornerstone Classical Academy Turf Field Project are the 1,092 enrolled students, who will gain access to a safe, high-quality athletic facility for physical education, sports, and recreational activities. Additionally, the field will serve faculty, staff, and families by fostering a more engaged and active school community. Beyond CCA, the wider community will benefit as the field is expected to host local youth sports leagues, community events, and extracurricular programs, further promoting health and wellness among children and families in the area.

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

The primary anticipated outcomes include increased student participation in athletics and physical activity, enhanced safety and injury prevention, greater utilization of athletic facilities, community engagement and increased access for local programs. To measure the project's impact, CCA will track student participation in sports, PE classes, and intramural activities, compare injury reports before and after installation, and monitor field usage through scheduling data. Additionally, surveys with coaches, students, parents will be conducted.

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?

Funds will be returned if deliverables are not met.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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) School District

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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