



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1887

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The construction of Eastland Christian School's gymnasium and upgrade the facility to serve as a hurricane shelter for the community. This includes hardening the structure with updated windows, roofing, and other improvements to ensure it can provide a safe, reliable space for residents during emergencies while also supporting student and community wellness programs year-round

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	83%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,400,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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?

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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	Completion of gym construction and updating of church and school facility to harden for hurricanes, including installation of hurricane-rated windows, roof upgrades, and other structural improvements for shelter use.	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

13. Program Performance

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

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



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Completion of the Gymnasium; The final stages of construction will provide a fully functional gymnasium for extracurricular activities, and community wellness programs.
Hurricane Shelter Hardening: The facility will be reinforced with hurricane-rated windows, a reinforced roof, and other structural improvements, allowing it to operate as a hurricane facility during emergencies

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

Emergency Shelter Services: The funding will ensure the facility is equipped to provide safe shelter for the local community during hurricanes or other natural disasters, offering a protected space with necessary resources like water and shelter
Community Outreach: Once the gym is completed, it will also be used for community events like funerals, weddings and sports (like YMCA leagues)

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

Over 800 - and this will service, elderly person, at risk youth, students, university students, homeless, physically disabled persons, and economically disadvantaged people

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

Increased access to physical opportunities - Measure participation rates at events
-dedicated state of the art space for physical activity contributing to a well-rounded curriculum for students - measured by increase in physical education for students and academic improvements related to holistic student development
-hardening of the facility to withstand hurricanes to ensure the safety of the public - measured by the number of any who may choose to use the facility as a shelter during a hurricane
- increased used of the facility by organizations and community at difference events - measured by the number of events hosted and people attending (such as funerals, weddings, and community events, and sports leagues)
- increased temporary jobs while finishing the process of hardening location for hurricanes - measured by the number of those hired to do the contracted work

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?

In addition to standard penalties, the contracting agency may consider withholding a percentage of payments for missed deliverables, requiring a corrective action plan, or increasing oversight for repeated noncompliance. These measures aim to ensure project goals are met without imposing undue burdens.

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



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

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

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.



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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