



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1922

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The construction of a building at the educational center, educating students about Florida history and agriculture's impact, to address critical needs. The immediate need is for safe shelter during severe weather; restrooms to replace portable toilets to accommodate several buses arriving at the same time after traveling for hours; and a quiet, safe environment for students with Special Needs. To date, the educational facility has provided programming for 24,000 students since opening the new section in 2019. Without these necessities, the schools will not return.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	64%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	790,000	26%
Other	300,000	10%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	3,090,000	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)? No

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

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 08/01/2026

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

Income from school tours, as well as a portion of other income sources on the property including billboard rentals, guided trail rides, gift shop sales, special events and educational workshops.

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.

F.A.L.L.C. is a private non-profit, 501(3)(c), governed by a board of trustees. No individual will receive fixed capital outlay funding.

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	Restroom Facilities: \$500,000 - Permit, site work and construction only. Design and blueprints complete and paid in full by FL Ag Center. All-purpose Building: \$1,500,000 - Design to Construction	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The newly constructed school complex offers hands-on educational programs by costumed guides teaching Florida history and agriculture's impact. The programs currently offered are Life as a Native American, Archeological Dig, "Sail" to St. Augustine from Spain in the 1500's, Pioneer Living, Rare Heritage Cracker Livestock, and the Slaves' Flight to Florida for Freedom. All programs include period-appropriate games and activities.

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



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Services and activities in the newly constructed space will enhance and add to the existing programs. This indoor space will be a safe and convenient area for all visitors of all ages including school groups and adult tours; will provide adequate restroom facilities; be a quiet space for individuals with Special Needs; allow year-round programming regardless of weather conditions and create an area for revolving educational exhibits.

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

Direct services provided to citizens will be the education of Florida's rich history and the impact agriculture had on past events. Future programs will include the education of current agricultural practices.

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

The target population is the entire student body in the state of Florida from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 from both public and private schools. For the 2024-25 school year, it is projected 25,000 students will participate in at least one program. With the new building, it is expected the number of students/programs will increase by 35%.

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

The expected benefit is to increase the number of students statewide participating in the several programs offered teaching about agricultural history. This construction will also allow new programs to be developed. The outcome will be measured by comparing the number of students visiting and where across the state the schools, public and private, are located. Also, tacking social media responses and post tour surveys will aid in the measure of progress.

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?

The standard state contract includes penalty clauses for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures and would be used for this project.

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)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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