



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2036

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The goal is to supplement funding to complete the building of the Gilchrist Elementary School. Special Facility Funding was committed in the amount of 40,279,128 over a three year funding cycle beginning in July of 2024. Additional funding is needed in the amount of 26,222,760 due to inflation and site development needs. The original costs were projected on a Spot Survey conducted by the Department of Education in December of 2022. The site purchase and development costs projected on survey totaled 21,361,740 and construction costs of 18,917,388 or about 311.00 per square foot costs excluding estimated Soft costs of 8,159,388. The estimated current cost of construction is at 450.00 per square foot which in our case equates to 58,342,500. The total of Soft costs and Square foot cost is 66,501,888. Subtracting our current funding of 40,279,128 leaves a shortage of 26,222,760.

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	13,111,380
Total State Funds Requested	13,111,380

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)	13,111,380	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 2025-2026	13,111,380	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		
2024-25	0	13,426,376	19	No

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.

N/A



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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?

12/31/2026

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

Special Facility Construction Account

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.

Gilchrist County School Board, Owner

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	The requested additional funds will be used to offset the inflationary costs in construction from 2022 until 2026	13,111,380
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		13,111,380

13. Program Performance

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

Completion of New Elementary School in Gilchrist County

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

N/A

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



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

Gilchrist County Elementary students. The new school will be able to house 756 students.

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

New Elementary School

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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:

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):



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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
d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.