



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2187

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

4. Project/Program Description

The goal is to supplement funding to build the Wakulla High School. Special Facility funding was committed in the amount of \$65,848,580. Due to construction and material costs associated with inflation, and the fact that the original allocation was based on a per student station cost additional funding is needed to build the school. The footprint and scope of the construction are not changing. This request includes the original year 2 of 3 funding along with half of the additional funds needed.

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	38,153,050
Total State Funds Requested	38,153,050

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)	38,153,050	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	38,153,050	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	21,949,527	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.**

no source of 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? 07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 08/01/2027

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

The school district will handle operations and 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.

Wakulla High School is a public school in Wakulla 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	Construct Wakulla High School	38,153,050
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		38,153,050

13. Program Performance

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

The goal is to supplement funding to build the Wakulla High School, the only public high school in Wakulla County. Special Facility funding was committed in the amount of \$65,848,580. Due to construction and material costs associated with inflation, and the fact that the original allocated amount was based on a per student station funding model the additional funding needed to build the school is \$32,407,047. This request includes one half of the additional money needed and the original year 2 of 3 funding. The footprint and scope of the construction are not changing.

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

A new school will be built which ensures the students of Wakulla County are provided the same quality of educational services as other students in the State of Florida.



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

As the only public high school in a fiscally constrained rural county, Wakulla High School is in many ways the hub of its community. Numerous events and services are provided through the facility, and at any given point in most every day, there are more people at WHS than any other location in Wakulla County.

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

The target population is the students of Wakulla County, which is approximately 4500 students, which are further supported by over 30,00 residents.

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

The most substantial benefit of the project is, of course, the student experience and higher student outcomes. However, the benefit far exceeds those simple metrics. The construction of a new high school in our community will stand as a flagship for our county and our citizens.

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



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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

d. Phone Number



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