



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2392

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

As part of Northside Christian School's campus renovation and expansion, we are seeking school hardening grant funding to enhance safety and security measures for our students, faculty, and families. Our plans include securing the campus perimeter with fencing and gate access, implementing a badge-entry system for classrooms, and upgrading surveillance and intruder alert systems. In collaboration with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, we are proactively working to ensure our school remains a safe and secure environment for learning. These critical enhancements will fortify our campus, improve emergency response, and provide peace of mind for our school community.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	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	500,000	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.

We are raising money via a capital campaign; we have no other sources of funding that can be used (except tuition dollars, but we prefer to use those funds as part of our school operating budget).



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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?

July 1, 2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

July 1, 2026

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

Our tuition will cover the cost of 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.

Northside Christian School is a ministry of Northside Baptist Church, however the school will be the only recipient of the funding. No other entities or owners are involved.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	All funding will be used directly to purchase and implement school hardening materials including new and enhanced intruder alert alarms, perimeter fencing, new guard gate arms, new badge-only point of entry systems, and enhanced camera coverage for our campus (all per the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.)	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The requested funds will enhance campus security and emergency preparedness at Northside Christian School, ensuring a safe and secure learning environment for students, faculty, and families. These upgrades will include securing the campus perimeter with fencing and controlled access points, installing badge-entry systems for all classrooms, upgrading surveillance with advanced security cameras, and implementing an enhanced intruder alert system with improved communication features. These measures will fortify our campus, improve response times for law enforcement, and create a safer environment for our school community.

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

The requested funds will enhance Northside Christian School's security infrastructure as part of a broader campus renovation initiative, ensuring a safe and protected learning environment for students, faculty, and families. These improvements will strengthen campus security, increase emergency preparedness, and provide law enforcement with better monitoring and response capabilities, ensuring the long-term safety and well-being of our school community.

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

These improvements will ensure a safer learning environment, improve emergency response coordination with law enforcement, and protect students, faculty, and visitors from potential security threats.

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

Our students, faculty, and staff. The target population for this project includes students, faculty, staff, and visitors at Northside Christian School, a Pre-K–12 private school in St. Petersburg, Florida. The project will directly serve over 800 individuals daily, including approximately 920 students and 150 faculty and staff, as well as families and community members who visit the campus for academic, athletic, and extracurricular events.

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

This project will enhance Northside Christian School's security by aligning with Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) recommendations, ensuring a safer campus. Key benefits include:

1. Faster Emergency Response – Upgraded surveillance and controlled access allow quicker threat identification and law enforcement coordination.
2. Improved Situational Awareness – Enhanced cameras provide real-time monitoring, helping deter potential threats.
3. Stronger Lockdown Measures – Badge-entry systems and reinforced access controls ensure a safer, more secure environment during emergencies.

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?

NCS will return any funds not used for the explicitly stated purposes.

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



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- 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):

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)



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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.