



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2439

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The funding request aims to enhance the safety and security of schools within the district by addressing identified vulnerabilities and implementing critical protective measures. This investment will support the installation of perimeter fencing, improved access controls, and upgraded locking mechanisms, such as Rhinolocks, to secure classrooms. Additionally, funding will ensure the continued functionality of OpenGate weapon detection systems and the upgrade of communication equipment for staff, enabling faster response times in emergencies.

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	2,900,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,900,000</b>

**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)	2,900,000	36%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,200,000	64%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>8,100,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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)?** Yes

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** 07/01/2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 07/01/2026

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

The ongoing operations and maintenance costs will be paid for by the Lee County School District.

**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.**

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Purchase and installation of security equipment such as rhino locks and technologic enhancements.	2,900,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,900,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The purpose of requesting these funds is to upgrade critical security systems and the hardening of school facilities. These upgrades will create a more secure learning environment for both students and staff, thereby fostering increased academic achievement and enhanced focus within the classroom.

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

The proposed funding will enhance school safety by upgrading infrastructure and fortifying facilities. These improvements will provide families with reassurance through added security while ensuring students can focus on their education in a safe and supportive environment.



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

The requested funding will enhance school safety by implementing advanced security measures, directly benefiting students, staff, and families. These improvements will provide a secure environment, allowing students to focus on their education with confidence, knowing their safety is prioritized.

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

All Lee County School District Students and Employees.

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

Enhancing school safety will lead to improved student well-being, better teacher job satisfaction and increased student achievement. Methodologies to measure these outcomes include tracking safety incidents, analyzing attendance and academic performance data, and direct observations of the school environment. By using these approaches, schools can effectively gauge the impact of safety improvements and ensure a secure and supportive learning environment.

**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?**

Remit funds back to the State agency, the Department of Education.

**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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