



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2629

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

4. Project/Program Description

This is a special facilities project for a new PK-12 school in Ponce De Leon. This project has been through all DOE facilities vetting and has been ranked to be on the special facilities list of projects this year. This is the first time that this form has been asked to be filled out for a special facilities project. The requested amount is # \$77,000,000, but the state normally funds these projects over a 3 year period.

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	25,662,737
Total State Funds Requested	25,662,737

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)	25,662,737	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	25,662,737	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.**
- This is a special facilities project that is normally equally funded over a 3 year period.

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? 10/0125

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 10/0128

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

Current funds used to run the two schools that will be replaced by the new school. Ponce De Leon Elementary and Ponce De Leon High School will be closed and combined into the new Ponce De Leon PK-12 school

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.

Holmes District School Board

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	This for complete construction from planning all the way to moving in of a new PK-12 school in Ponce De Leon. This amount is the total of the project over a 3 year period.	25,662,737
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		25,662,737

13. Program Performance

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

A new updated education facility for the Ponce De Leon community

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

All activities and services associated with a school will be provided.

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



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Education of the children in the community. It will also be used for community events.

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

The children of Holmes County. It will be built for 750 students.

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

The enhancement of the education of the children of the Ponce De Leon community. This can be measured through graduations and state testing scores.

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?

All of these penalties are spelled out in the special facilities program.

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
- 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



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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) School District

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.