



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2635

1. **Project Title** Jackson Co Cottondale High Vocational Workforce Center, JROTC Training Center, and Multipurpose Room

2. **Senate Sponsor** Jay Trumbull

3. **Date of Request** 2/18/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Provide new classrooms to implement the following vocational educational programs to 500 students at Cottondale High School: JROTC, Business, and Agriculture. The district is exploring Solar Field Technician as a possible addition. These vocational programs will provide services to 120-200 students each school year through high-quality instruction leading to industry certifications.
Provide a multi-purpose facility to serve the community for events like parent trainings, staff trainings, and social events.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operating | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 2,390,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 2,390,000 |

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) | 2,390,000 | 83% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 483,468 | 17% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 | 2,873,468 | 100% |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.** 2,610,000

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

District's half-cent sales tax. District's Capital Outlay millage. Current obligations of these funds for projects within the district extend out eight (8 fiscal years). There is a verified need to seek additional funding to proceed with this project in a timely fashion to serve students in a safe and effective environment.



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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?

12/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2027

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

District half-cent sales tax and capital outlay funding.

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.

The owner and the entity receiving the funds are one in the same, Jackson County School District.

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 | Construction of new facilities for educational and extracurricular programs. Includes planning, architectural drawings, engineering, and permitting. | 2,390,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 2,390,000 |

13. Program Performance

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



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

Provide new vocational education classrooms and new multi-purpose facility students, parents, and the community of approximately 3000 benefactors. Provide access to the community to hold training events and community events.

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

Provide educational classrooms to benefit the community through Career and Technical Education courses leading to Industry Certifications. Provide access to student, their parents, and the community access to a multi-purpose room for community events. Annual number of citizens benefiting from the project is 3,000.

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

The primary target populations of the project are the students, staff, and parents of Cottondale High School. This is about 1500 individuals. Indirect target populations are the community of Cottondale, Cottondale Elementary School's students, parents, and staff. Indirect benefactors are another 1500 individuals.

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

Provide students access to a multi-purpose building for 50-75 years for Industry Certifications. Improve access to high-quality education that is career themed. Measured by annual industry certification results as applied in middle school and high school acceleration components of the school grade.

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?

Decrease allocation by 2%.

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#:



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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)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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