



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2687

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Expansion of the Northwest Florida State College Campus in South Walton Co and construction of Seacoast Collegiate High School on that Campus, serving as an expanded and permanent facility for Seacoast, as well as a new shared workforce / business incubation center. Seacoast currently holds a long-term (40 year + renewals) land lease from the College. Post Secondary Education is almost non-existent in Walton Co, requiring the County's dual enrolled students and residents to travel approximately one hour each way to neighboring Okaloosa Co. These proposed new facilities will expand capacity for the College and Seacoast and offer new educational opportunities located upon the underutilized College property in Walton Co, better serving the surrounding communities with expanded programming and alternatives to the current requirement to travel to the College's main campus. The curriculum will be a collaborative effort, workforce driven, with CTE coursework as well as traditional pathways.

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	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	2%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	9,500,000	26%
Local	0	0%
Other	26,750,000	72%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	37,000,000	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		
2024-25	0	500,000	24A	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.**



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

9/28/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/30/2025

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

SCHS is a public charter school that receives funding from the state DOE. The school brings in over \$1mm each year in fundraising efforts that help supplement operations and maintenance of the schools' campuses.

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 Seaside School, Inc. or its foundation, The Seaside School Foundation, Inc. The foundation is a direct support organization for The Seaside School, Inc. All funds raised and assets held by the foundation must be for the direct benefit of The Seaside School, Inc. Both are IRC 501 (c)3 not for profit Florida corporations.

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	All funds will be spent on fixed capital construction, infrastructure, planning and engineering.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Construction of expanded facilities for the shared campus of Seacoast Collegiate High School and Northwest Florida State College, including a new shared workforce/business incubation center, providing a centrally located site for the County's dual enrolled students, college-bound residents, and workforce training initiatives for the County's residents. New facilities will improve access to educational and entrepreneurial opportunities, local business employment and internship opportunities and offer expanded curriculum and career-technical certifications.

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

Walton County severely lacks post secondary educational opportunities. There is no College presence, dual enrollment center or central business incubator in Walton Co. The main campus for the College in Okaloosa County serves as the primary campus for College activities, including dual enrolled students, requiring dual enrolled students and County residents to travel approximately one hour each way to class. This project will expand Walton County facilities for the College, for Seacoast Collegiate High School students and for the members of the community at large.

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

Once completed, the project will serve secondary 9-12, post-secondary, workforce training, industrial skills and trades, traditional A.A. and career A.S. pathways through dual enrollment, with CTE coursework and a business incubator known as the "Accelerator" serving industrial skills trades, offering workforce development and community educational events and opportunities

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

The primary target is Seacoast Collegiate High School dual enrolled students. It is expected that programming would allow for over 800 students (traditional and non-traditional) to be served by the campus in its first phase. A planned second phase would allow for more, as would virtual programming. Other populations served will be grade school students, at-risk youth, economically disadvantaged persons, jobless persons, and citizens seeking workforce training.

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

Expected benefits are providing a local resource for dual enrollment, college, workforce training initiatives; improving access to dual enrollment; improving access to entrepreneurial opportunities; local business employment and internship opportunities; career-technical certifications and certificates. Methodology for measuring outcome will be data to be captured each school year through enrollment numbers, school district reporting, and college enrollment numbers through Northwest Florida State College. Data can be measured to compare the number of certifications and certificates offered vs. completed.

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?

Funding will be returned to the State of Florida if the project does not initiate.

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



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- 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

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



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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.