



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2929

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Gadsden County School Board is requesting additional funding to complete the construction of a new K-8 School in Quincy, Florida. The new K-8 combines four aging schools: Stewart Street Elementary, George Munroe Elementary, James A. Shanks Middle School, and Gadsden Elementary Magnet school into one state-of-the-art school with an enrollment capacity of approximately 1500 students. The project has been initially funded for a total of \$71,177,557. However, the initial funding does not take into consideration substantial construction factors impacting the actual cost of building the school. These factors include:

- 1) The additional cost of site development specific to the location of the new school.
- 2) The additional cost of ESE self-contained classrooms due to unusually large enrollment of ESE students in the combined schools that require self-contained instruction.
- 3) The additional cost of Enhanced Hurricane Protection Area (EHPA) requirements.

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	39,772,790
Total State Funds Requested	39,772,790

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)	39,772,790	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	39,772,790	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	68,277,557	19	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/02/2027

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

Fixed Capital Outlay

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.

Gadsden County School Board is the owner of the facility and the entity requesting additional funding.

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	Additional design and construction costs as described in the Project Description section.	39,772,790
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		39,772,790

13. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of this project is to improve public education in a small rural community. Gadsden County School Board will have all the required funding to complete the construction of the new K-8 school in a timely manner meeting all construction requirements.

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

- 1) Relocation of power poles, fiber optic cabling and other utility lines
- 2) Installation of a sewage lift station
- 3) Extensive earthwork operations due to significant grade changes at new school location
- 4) Asbestos abatement
- 5) Fund additional cost due to construction on an occupied site
- 6) Fund the additional self-contained classrooms needed for exceptional needs students
- 7) Meet EHPA requirements for special needs populations

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

The new Gadsden K-8 will provide a safe, secure and state-of-the-art school to approximately 1500 students and fill the County's 649 special needs emergency evacuation space deficit.

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

The 1500 K-8 students zoned to attend Stewart Street Elementary, George Munroe Elementary, James A. Shanks Middle School, and Gadsden Elementary Magnet is the primary target population served by this project.

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

Gadsden County School Board will be able to complete the construction of the new K-8 school in a timely manner meeting all construction requirements. This will improve the public education of our small rural community.

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?

The contracting agency should not consider additional penalties beyond the standard for not meeting deliverables or performance measures because the district has a desperate need for the new K-8 and the Board must use all resources available to it meet this need. Additional penalties for failure (which is not an option), would be the equivalent of exacerbating an already difficult situation.

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



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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)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address



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f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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