



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3063

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

4. Project/Program Description

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) is committed to the safety of its students and staff. Recent state legislation has introduced new school safety mandates, but many of these requirements are underfunded, placing a financial strain on districts. DCPS advocates for increased state funding to ensure the effective implementation of these essential safety measures.

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	684,815
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	684,815

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)	684,815	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	680,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,364,815	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.**
- We can seek grant funding and local funding as well.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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	We seek to hire 12 additional personnel. The modern security landscape necessitates continuous surveillance and rapid response capabilities to mitigate risks and ensure safety. Our organization plans to establish a 24/7 monitoring station equipped with advanced technologies to address these requirements.	684,815
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		684,815

13. Program Performance

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

Our mission is to use technologies such as the Axon Fusus, which integrates data from Centigix, fence line monitoring, and fire and burglar alarms, providing a comprehensive surveillance solution. Given the sheer scale of our district, with over 6,500 cameras, it is crucial to have a dedicated team to operate this system efficiently.

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



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To increase safety and monitoring for the schools are apart of a community, and community a part of the school, having a 24/7 monitoring system can direct police, and staff where a breaking in or health emergency is occurring.

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

24/7 surveillance monitoring of over 6,500 security cameras across school campuses. Real-time response capabilities through the integration of Axon Fusus, Centigix, fence line monitoring, and fire and burglar alarms. Improved emergency preparedness with a dedicated call center and security personnel. Strengthened campus security infrastructure, including manned and gated entry points or the EVOLV system for controlled access. These measures will increase the safety of students, teachers, and staff, ensuring a secure learning environment for the entire school community.

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

The target population for this project is Duval County Public School students, teachers, and citizens. Students (approximately 130,000 enrolled in Duval County Public Schools). Teachers and school staff (over 14,000 employees). Parents and guardians who rely on safe schools for their children. First responders and law enforcement agencies who will benefit from enhanced coordination in school emergencies. Local communities that depend on schools as safe spaces for education and extracurricular activities. In total, this project will positively impact over 150,000 individuals across the Duval County Public Schools community

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

The Duval County School Safety Monitoring System will significantly enhance the security and emergency preparedness of Duval County Public Schools (DCPS). The project is expected to:
 Improve response times to security threats through real-time surveillance monitoring and rapid incident alerts.
 Reduce unauthorized access to school campuses by expanding gated entry points or implementing the EVOLV system.
 Enhance situational awareness for law enforcement and first responders, improving coordination in emergencies.
 Ensure compliance with new state-mandated school safety requirements while minimizing financial strain on the district.
 Create a safer learning environment, leading to increased student and staff confidence in campus security.

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?

Financial penalties for delays in the hiring of safety personnel or the implementation of security systems.
 Contract termination if vendors fail to meet agreed-upon performance benchmarks for equipment installation and functionality.
 Withholding of funds for any portion of the project that does not meet specified safety and security compliance standards.
 Regular audits and performance reviews, with mandatory corrective action plans for any deficiencies identified.
 These penalties will ensure timely execution, proper use of funds, and compliance with safety mandates.

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



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- 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
- Other (please specify)



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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.