



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3272

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hendry County has a growing population and an aging footprint of schools. LaBelle High School is roughly 45- students larger than what the school was designed for. Hendry County School has already been approved for Special Facilities Funding is currently moving forward with constructing a new LaBelle High School. The estimated cost of the school was established in 2022, the inflationary expenses along with the original estimate being based on per student station cost has created the need for additional funding. Therefor this request includes the original year 2 of 3 funding along with one half of the additional funding needed.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	46,775,425
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>46,775,425</b>

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)	46,775,425	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>46,775,425</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	30,210,267	19	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?  Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

N/A



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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?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

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

The school district will support the operation and maintenance of the school once it is complete.

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.

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### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a new high school will allow the district to move the middle school into the old high school, combine two elementary schools into one school using the middle school, convert one of the elementary schools into district offices and the PreK program location, and demolish the oldest elementary school.	46,775,425
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>46,775,425</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

These requested funds will allow the completion of the construction of the new LaBelle High School as planned. The requested funds include the original year special facilities funding along with one half of the additional money needed for the project.



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

The construction of the new high school will begin.

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

The New LaBelle High School will provide a safe, world class education to the LaBelle community as well as serve as a shelter during storms. The new school will become the front porch for the LaBelle community.

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

Roughly 1,600 high school students per year. There will also be evening adult education classes as well as a branch from Florida Gulf Coast University that will offer higher education opportunities to our community.

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

The new LaBelle High School will enhance the culture which will continue to drive higher achievement through our students. The new school will be set up and equipped to deliver education practices to the modern student that our current school is no capable of.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

**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#:**

**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)?**



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- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
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**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

We are currently approved and ebgaging with DOE Special Facilities Construction

#### 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) Public School
- 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**



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