



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3285

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding requested will go towards updating and renovating nine (9) auditoriums in high schools throughout the school district, including upgrades to lighting, audiovisual systems, equipment, curtains, wiring, and other related infrastructure improvements. These improvements will enhance Visual and Performing Arts programs throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools, specifically in under-served areas where VPA programming options are under-enrolled, limited or unavailable.

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	900,000
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

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)	900,000	84%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	176,071	16%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,076,071	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.

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		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	Renovating and updating nine (9) high school auditoriums where Visual and Performing Arts program options are limited or under-enrolled, including enhancements to lighting, audiovisual systems, equipment, curtains, wiring, and other related infrastructure improvements.	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovating and updating nine (9) high school auditoriums where Visual and Performing Arts program options are limited or under-enrolled, including enhancements to lighting, audiovisual systems, equipment, curtains, wiring, and other related infrastructure improvements.	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000

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?

The upgrades and improvements to the auditoriums in nine (9) high schools throughout the district will enhance Visual and Performing Arts programs in Miami-Dade, specifically in under-served areas where program options are limited or unavailable. Renovations to lighting, audiovisual systems, equipment, curtains, wiring, and other necessary improvements are crucial to high-quality VPA programs.

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

Students will have increased opportunities and equitable access to high-quality Visual and Performing Arts programs in newly renovated venues with updated systems and equipment for performances and exhibitions. Students will be able to apply to a broader range of colleges/scholarships, gain educational/cultural enrichment, and prepare for careers in the visual and performing arts industry.

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

Over 800 high school students throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools are expected to be served.

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

The expected outcome of this project is to increase opportunities for students, ensuring equitable access to Visual and Performing Arts programs in areas where options are limited or unavailable. Students will also have the opportunity to apply to a broader range of colleges/scholarships and prepare for careers in the Visual and Performing Arts industry. This will be measured by the tracking and recording of performances, presentations, and exhibitions held at the auditoriums.

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?

Denial of future funds.

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) School Board of Miami-Dade County

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.



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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.