



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1192

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Santa Rosa Center for Innovation will inspire the next generation of leaders by creating an immersive and inclusive environment where students explore, experiment, and innovate. The Center will provide a safe and dynamic space for students to engage in project-based activities that support learning and industry certification attainment in areas such as robotics, engineering, technology, artificial intelligence, healthcare, agriculture, automotive, energy, construction/trades. Programming available at the Center will be determined by the demands of regional industry and industry certification earning opportunities available on the FLDOE Master Credentials List. We expect this project to transform how we offer career and technical educational programming and STEAM learning opportunities for all students in Santa Rosa. This project will increase enrollment in Career and Technical Education (CTE) and expand the industry certification earned by Santa Rosa students.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	32%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	563,435	37%
Other	478,924	31%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,542,359	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Santa Rosa County District Schools received ESSER II Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriation of \$14,168,510. This funds were utilized to add 80 interventionists, 3 classroom teachers as well as an updated telephone and data communication services, technology related rentals to allow us to better serve students in a remote and/or blended environment and to help with re-engagement and intervention to recover deficiencies in learning as a result of the pandemic.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

13. 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: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Santa Rosa Center for Innovation programming will be delivered in a classroom, face-to-face model involving project-based activities supported by certified CTE and STEAM content area instructors. Equipment and supplies needed to conduct performance tasks that engage and excite students around various careers. These hands-on opportunities will engage students in deeper learning and create excitement about STEAM career opportunities. This innovation center will offer a wide range of equipment.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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

Deliverables will be measured based on:

- Number of digital tool certifications earned by elementary and middle school students.
- The number of industry certifications attained by middle and high school students.
- The number of students who access the innovation center.
- The number of students who enroll in the different programs offered after school, on the weekends, and in the summer.
- The increase in middle and high school career and technical education course enrollment during the school day based on their exposure to CTE in elementary school.
- The number of partner programs we make available to community stakeholders such as parents and caregivers.

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

The Santa Rosa Center for Innovation will not compete with existing projects or programs but will enhance those within our region by providing a space that will serve as the Career and Technical Education and STEAM hub for our region. The intent is to have a place-based learning center where students, parents, and community members are vested. The impact of the Center is transformational in that it will serve as a place for education, community, and business and industry to collaborate for the purpose of Workforce Development. Additionally, it provides an opportunity for business and industry to directly engage with their future workforce and educators contributing to program development and students' technical skill attainment.

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

The Santa Rosa Center for Innovation is transformational in multiple ways bringing about positive changes across the school district and community. The Center will expand opportunities for students in CTE and STEAM to afterschool, evenings, weekends, and summers. This collaborative space for education and business and industry will help to enhance workforce development and community engagement initiatives, not only in Santa Rosa County, but across Northwest Florida. Our project directly aligns with the Northwest Florida FORWARD initiative for regional economic growth and development. In addition to the primary education objectives of this project it will also focus on digital literacy and provision of health related services to the citizens of Santa Rosa County.

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

The Santa Rosa Center for Innovation aims to serve elementary, middle and high school students within our community as well as their families. It is the goal of our project to serve 300-400 students, teachers and community stakeholders the first year and to increase the participation by at least 30% each year.

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

The Santa Rosa Center for Innovation project provides clear quantitative measures which include digital tool certification attainment, industry certification attainment, enrollment at the center, and increased CTE course and program enrollment throughout the district over a multi year period. We anticipate our participants will attain approximately 10,000 industry recognized credentials over the next decade.

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 the contract?

Reduction in funding.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. 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 District

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number