



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2720

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Sarasota Academy of the Arts (SAA) is a Kindergarten through eighth grade Charter School in Sarasota County that provides a unique focus on visual and performing arts education, coupled with following the Florida B.E.S.T. curriculum. This Phase II renovation will complete the needed renovations to SAA's new campus at the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee to include adding additional restrooms, classrooms and a clinic. This phase will increase the operational student capacity (FTE) from 181 to 254. For SAA to be financially solvent, and to successfully fulfill its mission, it must operate near capacity.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	600,000
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	600,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	200,000	25%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	800,000	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.

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2720

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

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) American Recovery Plan Act(usable expenses for 2022-June, 2024) in the amount of 274,774.42

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Fall 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Spring 2024

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.

Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee is the owner of the facility which is leased to Sarasota Academy of the Arts.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	This will complete the renovation to SAA's campus. The project will consist of 3,212 sq. feet of construction that will create additional boys and girls restrooms, a staff restroom, a student clinic with ADA-compliant restroom, and 4 additional classrooms.	600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

14. Program Performance

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

It will allow Sarasota Academy of the Arts to expand its operational student capacity from 181 to 254. For SAA to be financially solvent, and to successfully fulfill its mission, it must operate near capacity.

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2720

K-8 charter school education emphasizing visual and performing arts, as well as providing students with the Florida B.E.S.T. standards curriculum. Our elementary student population will increase because of the allotted space for phase II. This will encourage further development of our visual and performing arts programs.

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

The curriculum of SAA is approved of and consistent with guidelines by the Sarasota County Schools and the Florida Department of Education. Students will have direct instruction in Florida B.E.S.T. curriculum as well as receive daily instruction in Spanish, art, music, and physical education which is unique to other Sarasota County Schools.

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

The students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade who live in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. After Phase II renovation is complete, the capacity of the school will be 254.

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

The anticipated benefits for this project are that it will enhance the educational environment for all students thus increasing the quality of education at SAA. This can be measured by the Department of Education's yearly school grade. Phase 2 will provide an expansion of bathrooms for faculty, staff and students encouraging a safe and healthy environment. A clinic will be created to assist students when sick, and when students are placed in the clinic they have a safe and hygienic place to rest before being picked up by a parent. .

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?

Return of funds.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

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)

d. First Name **Last Name**



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2720

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number