



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2951

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

4. Project/Program Description

Grand Ridge School was partially destroyed and damaged by Hurricane Michael in October 2018. Grade levels were adjusted to lower student enrollment to operate within the current site. The District is combining Grand Ridge School and Sneads Elementary School as a result using Special Facilities Funding. Original estimates utilized outdated construction costs and funding estimates were significantly below actual construction costs. Jackson County School District was appropriated \$51,844,445.00 for the project. The project contracted Phase 1 at \$2,781,195.00. The total cost for the project is estimated at \$66,844,445.00. This has the District short \$15,000,000.00 in addition to the required local effort equivalent to 4.5 mills.

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 | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 15,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 15,000,000 |

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) | 15,000,000 | 100% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 | 15,000,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2022-23 | 0 | 16,798,745 | Section 197. | No |

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?



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Yes

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

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds have been appropriated to Jackson County through the Department of Education Special Facilities process.

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.

The Jackson County School District will be the owners/custodians of the facility on behalf of the citizens of Jackson County.

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 | The funds will be used to complete the construction of a new Grand Ridge School that was damaged by Hurricane Michael to also combine Sneads Elementary School's student population onto one school site. | 15,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 15,000,000 |

14. Program Performance

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



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Funds for the construction of a Grand Ridge School were originally appropriated using State Stabilization Funds during the 2021 Legislative Session in the amount of \$51,844,445.00. Jackson County received an increase in their allocation from these same funds to mitigate the increase in construction inflation in the amount of \$15,000,000.00. This was prior to the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) being determined. Due to construction market inflation, the estimated total is \$66,844,445.00. The requested funds will assist in the final phase of the project being completed.

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

Grand Ridge School will allow the PK-8th grade students (Combination of Grand Ridge School and Sneads Elementary School) to have a facility with access to high quality instructional service as well as social and emotional services.

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

Complete funding for construction of a facility to carry out educational programs, including a full range of academic offerings as well as exceptional student educational services.

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

The current Grand Ridge School population is approximately 331 5th-8th grade students. The current Sneads Elementary School population is 614 PK-4th grade students. This facility will be expected to meet the needs of this age group of students for decades to come.

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

Permanent construction of Grand Ridge School will provide that student population and all of the students that will attend Grand Ridge School in the future, basic educational amenities that were damaged as a result of Hurricane Michael. Evidence of the outcomes of the completion of this project will be a fully constructed and operational replacement facility.

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?

Standard contract penalties are applicable.

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



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University or College

Other (please specify) PK-12 Public School

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