



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2988

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project proposes to equip Paxton School with a new Agriculture focused building that will simulate current employment opportunities. The building will include Principles of Agribusiness and Management, Agritechnology, and Veterinary Assisting. This pathway will provide hands-on, rigorous career and technical education (CTE) where middle and high school students earn industry certifications and prepare for the growing, everchanging workforce.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	8,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>

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)	9,000,000	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 2024-2025</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23		500,000	104	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  No

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?

Yes

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



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\$33.9 million  
 COVID-19 federal assistance was used to safely bring students back to school.

### 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/01/2025

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.

Walton County School District /Board - Building and equipment at a school is owned by the Walton County School District/Board

#### 13. 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: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Principles of Agribusiness and Management, Agritechology, and Veterinary Assisting equipment will be purchased, such as tools, equipment, medical instruments, technology, furniture, etc. Certification costs, including curriculum and exams, will be included. Exploratory fund will also be included, such as professional development for instructors/leaders and field trips for students.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The school district will construct a new building to house the Agriculture Academy. The building will include mechanical, safety requirements, and educational supplies. The building will simulate agriculture related jobs.	8,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>9,000,000</b>

#### 14. 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?**

This program offers a sequence of courses that provide coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and career in the agriculture career cluster.

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

The content includes but is not limited to career and technical education; employability skills; mathematics; basic science; communication; and human-relation skills.

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

Target population includes students in the Walton County School District. 401-800 students are projected to be served by this CTE over the next decade.

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

50% increase in Agriculture/Vet Tech industry certifications  
 3% increase in graduation rate of CTE students vs non-CTE students  
 5% increase in post-secondary attendance of CTE students vs non-CTE students

**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?**

Proposed penalties for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract include withholding of funds and liquidation of damages.

**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)



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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**