



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2228

1. **Project Title** 2. **Senate Sponsor** 3. **Date of Request** 4. **Project/Program Description**

This project proposes to construct an innovation center providing robust STEAM education and connection to community and workforce development resources on the 9-12 public school Magnet Innovation Academy campus in this rapidly growing area in Walton County. In addition to providing career/technical education (engineering pathways, IT/Business) with industry certifications in a focused, high expectation setting, the Innovation Center will provide community responsive multipurpose meeting spaces serving the needs of business/ industry and community organizations for collaboration, individual citizens seeking workforce information and employment and training assistance, and support for entrepreneurship along with workforce development and leadership to meet current and future economic development needs.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input type="text" value="500,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input type="text" value="500000"/>	<input type="text" value="11.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input type="text" value="1,600,000"/>	<input type="text" value="33"/> %
Other	<input type="text" value="2,700,000"/>	<input type="text" value="56"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	4,800,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Other Salary and Benefits		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovation of large portable building to include installation of safety features (e.g., electronic entry, safety fencing - building located on public school campus). Renovation would include entry lobby and meeting rooms for general community/business & industry use. School district has been renovating two facilities on the campus for use as 9-12 magnet innovation center and technical college classrooms.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

This project proposes to address the need for this rapidly growing region to provide a multi-use/multi-purpose, collaborative workspace/center linking education and business and industry and focused on meeting the talent supply and workforce development needs of the area. The facility will be equipped with resources for use by students enrolled in the STEAM Magnet 9-12 Innovation Academy (engineering pathways), for postsecondary students enrolling in IT and business, and for business and industry along with the general public/job seekers and economic development.

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

This project proposes to construct a state of the art facility space for education and training that will focus on providing STEAM / STEM training and industry certification including engineering pathways and IT for 9-12 and postsecondary (technical college) students and will offer re-skilling and up-skilling for adults entering/already in the workforce. The facility will provide accommodations for community resources, leadership development, and collaborative workspaces that bring together learners and teachers, including business/industry/entrepreneur.

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

This region is one of the fastest growing in the state. To meet the growing need for a readily available talent supply, rigorous courses in engineering pathways and IT will be provided along with preparation for appropriate industry certification for students. Courses and programs to train/retrain area workers for currently needed skills will be offered by the technical college and directly by area businesses. The multi-purpose facility will directly connect education and workforce development activities and provide meeting spaces and connection to community resources that support the development of a vibrant and resilient economy in the region.

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

The target population(s) to be served by this project include secondary (9-12) STEAM academy students and postsecondary technical college students along with business and industry and the general community. The project expects that 200-400+ individuals will be served in the first year of operation, with that number increasing each subsequent year as the facility is used more extensively by the general public, business and industry, and community organizations.

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

The primary benefit of the project is the development of talent to meet the growing labor force demands of the region. Talent development will include connecting college and career ready students with business and industry along with re-skilling and up-skilling of the current labor force and support for entrepreneurship in the area. Facility use will be documented as to the name of the business/agency/ person(s) using the facility and the purpose for which the facility is being used.

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?

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



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12. **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 Board would receive the capital outlay funds for construction and renovation of facilities located on property leased from St. Joe Corporation (10 year lease with option to renew).

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.