



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1850

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

4. Project/Program Description

The pandemic years took a dramatic toll on public schools, most recently evidenced with the decreased graduation rates in districts across Florida. Clay County is no different. Clay County would like to expand the Elevation Academy, which would support secondary students who fall behind on credits needed in order to graduate. This program is currently supporting 92 students through to graduation at Bannerman Learning Center. This program is open to students who have below a 1.8 GPA, are three or more credits behind and are committed to earning their high school diploma. Currently, this program has a waitlist, as the need exceeds the available seats. Funds would be used to expand Elevation Academy's support to include an additional 25 hours per week (five hours per day). This would allow up to 50 students from other schools the opportunity to make up credits and put them on the path to graduation. Funds would be used for staffing and materials.

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	213,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	213,500

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)	213,500	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 2023-2024	213,500	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.

Recurring funds would be used to continue to staff the Elevation Academy. Alternative funding would come from our General Funds.



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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.

Clay County District Schools received approximately \$61,000,000 for COVID mitigation strategies and instructional support for students pandemic-related learning loss (e.g. summer school, tutoring).

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)?

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	The Elevation Academy would serve 50 students 25 hours a week, 36 weeks of the year. To meets its goals, the academy would require two teachers, one school counselor, one administrator and one school resource officer	193,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds would be needed to purchase Chromebooks and four Chromebook charging carts.	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		213,500

14. Program Performance



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

Clay County District School's goal is to increase the number of students who earn their high school diploma by increasing the access to flexible educational programming and individualized support.

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

Funds will be used to staff the existing Elevation Academy six hours beyond the normal school day for five days a week. Students would be provided with certified instructional support and a school counselor. Students would have opportunities to receive tutoring in a one-on-one or small group setting as they earn their credits.

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

The students within the program would receive educational services. The general public would benefit from an educated citizenry with the credentials needed to be gainfully employed. In addition, increased education is associated with increased living conditions and health care, which benefit the public good.

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

This program is expected to serve 50 students in their senior year of high school who are three or more credits behind, have below a 1.8 GPA and committed to earning their high school diploma.

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

With the right supports in place, it is expected that 75% of the students who attend on a regular basis will remain in the program to graduation. We will track this through attendance and course completion records.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures will result in return of funds to state agency.

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



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Other (please specify)

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