



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2452

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Washington County School District is located in a rural area that serves approximately 3,400 students in the LEA. 61% of the students of Washington County School District are eligible for free or reduced lunch services. In the city of Vernon, Florida there are no daycare facilities that offer daycare services or VPK programs. This makes Washington County School District the only service provider for VPK students in the area. Washington County School District's objective is to increase the enrollment of VPK students by constructing a VPK Center that will accommodate a larger quantity of students at a greater capacity. In support of the Early Learning Initiative, Washington County desires to offer early learning opportunities that promote early literacy, academic acceleration, and social and emotional health. It is the priority of the Washington County School District to close the achievement gap by investing in educating and promoting the early learning pipeline to graduation.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,250,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,250,000	98%
Matching Funds		
Federal	25,000	2%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,275,000	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.



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2452

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.

The LEA received funding to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the impact of Covid-19. All funding was utilized in the following allowable areas: Nonenrollment Assistance, Academic Acceleration, Technology Assistance, Learning Loss, PPE, CTE programs, and HVAC repairs and improvements.

11. 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 construction of the VPK Center.	1,250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,250,000

12. Program Performance

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

It is the priority of the Washington County School District to provide quality education to all students, and to cater to all learning modalities. Washington County School District proposes to build a new VPK Center in Vernon, Florida to support the Early Learning Initiative and to provide transition support that will provide students with quality instruction and prepare them for life long success and achievement at the secondary level.

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

Washington County School District will provide transitional support for the early learners enrolled at the VPK Center. In addition, the students will be provided with quality education to help accelerate their learning by preparing all students for educational advanced programs.

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

The LEA proposes to offer the following services to the citizens by the appropriation project:

--VPK Services
--After-Care Early Learning Services

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2452

The target population served by this project are the following:

- Early learners eligible for VPK Services
- VPK students identified as homeless
- low-income population/eligible for free or reduced lunch programs
- The LEA is expected to serve 150- 200 students eligible for VPK Services

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

According to the Early Learning initiative, there is a need for more VPK providers across the state of Florida particularly in rural areas. It is the priority of the Washington County School District to provide access and opportunities for all students to obtain a free and quality education. According to the Executive order provided by the Department of Education, there is a need to support and address learning loss in elementary and secondary education. The Washington County School District expects to serve 100% of VPK students who apply for enrollment. It is expected that 95% of students enrolled in the VPK Programs will score above grade level in the areas of reading and math before transitioning into Vernon Elementary School.

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?

n/a

13. 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.

N/A



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2452

14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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) Public School

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number