



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1833

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

4. Project/Program Description

Founded in 2003, Precious Jewels Academy Learning Center has epitomized educational excellence in Sarasota, Florida, for nearly two decades. Enshrined in principles of academic rigor, compassion, and community engagement, our institution has continually evolved into a nurturing haven where children from underserved backgrounds discover an environment fostering learning and growth. Our foremost objective is to significantly elevate safety and security standards at Precious Jewels Academy Learning Center. This will be achieved through the strategic implementation of a state-of-the-art sprinkler system and the construction of secure fencing, complete with coded gates. With these advanced measures, our aim is to exceed contemporary safety expectations for an educational institution, ensuring unparalleled security for our school community.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	200,000
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	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	200,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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?**



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

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.

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	deploying a cutting-edge sprinkler system (\$150,000) and erecting secure fencing with coded gates (\$50,000) ensuring an environment where both students and staff thrive securely.	200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The funds requested aim to fortify the safety infrastructure at Precious Jewels Academy Learning Center. Specifically, these resources will facilitate the installation of a cutting-edge sprinkler system and the construction of secure fencing with coded gates. The primary goal is to bolster security measures, ensuring a safer environment for students, staff, and faculty. This enhancement will directly contribute to the protection and well-being of the school community, fostering an atmosphere conducive to learning and growth.

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

The activities and services to be provided with the allocated funds include the implementation of a modern sprinkler system throughout the premises. Additionally, the funds will be utilized for the construction of secure fencing, incorporating coded gates on both sides of the school grounds. These measures are designed to enhance safety and security within the school environment, offering comprehensive protection for students, staff, and faculty.

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

The appropriation project primarily focuses on enhancing safety and security measures within the Precious Jewels Academy Learning Center. The direct services provided to citizens involve ensuring a safer environment for the students, staff, and faculty by implementing a modern sprinkler system and constructing secure fencing equipped with coded gates. These initiatives directly benefit the school community, offering improved safety measures and peace of mind for all individuals involved.

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

The project is dedicated to serving the educational needs of at-risk youth and underprivileged children in Sarasota, Florida, aligning with Precious Jewels Academy's mission to provide inclusive and transformative education. With a focus on creating a safe and nurturing environment, the goal is to serve approximately 150 individuals by offering a quality learning experience that fosters personal growth and academic excellence.

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

The expected benefit of this project is to significantly enhance safety and security standards within Precious Jewels Academy Learning Center, creating a safe learning environment. The outcome will be measured by assessing the effectiveness of the implemented sprinkler system and secure fencing in mitigating risks, ensuring compliance with safety standards, and conducting regular evaluations to monitor improvements in safety measures and incident reports, thus ensuring a safer educational setting.

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?

Beyond standard penalties, the contracting agency might institute tiered consequences for non-compliance. This approach could involve reduced funding in subsequent years, compulsory staff training, or heightened oversight. The goal is to encourage compliance with deliverables and performance benchmarks, ensuring accountability and efficient resource utilization. Potential penalties may encompass financial ramifications, performance assessments, and contract termination.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number