



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1434

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

4. Project/Program Description

This funding will be to finish building a new high school in Wakulla County. Special facilities funding was committed to this project at an original cost of \$65,848,580 in 2023. This funding was to be distributed over a three year period. Due to substantial construction costs increases and the way the school cost was originally calculated using the per student station formula additional funds are needed to finish the school. This request includes the original third year funding and an additional \$32,407,046 to finish the school.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	54,356,572
Total State Funds Requested	54,356,572

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	54,356,572	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 2026-2027	54,356,572	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2025-26	0	21,949,527	18	No

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/01/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

The School District will pay for operations and maintenance.

11. 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.

Wakulla School District will receive the funds and own the school.

12. 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		
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	Construction of Wakulla High School	54,356,572
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		54,356,572

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the funding will be to finish the construction of the new high school. This will be the only public high school in the county. The design of the school has remained exactly the same since the beginning of the special facilities process. The only thing that has changed is the cost of construction and the fact that the funding model used to fund this project is no longer being used due to the shortfalls that were re-occurring.

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

A new school will be provided for the students of Wakulla County ensuring that they are able to keep up with the education requirements of the state and the nation, allowing them to be able to transition into the trades or post secondary education path.



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

Currently the high school is in many ways the hub of the community. Numerous events, programs, and services take place there. On almost any weekday there are more people at the high school than any other facility in the county. This new school will allow this to continue as the county population grows.

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

The approximately 4600 students are the target population that will be served, but the entire population of the county, <30,000 will benefit in some way from the project.

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

There are many benefits and outcomes associated with this project; some of the most important ones will be a better learning environment, updated technology and classrooms, better school safety measures, higher graduation rates and student achievement scores, and increased student confidence.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received



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☐ No

☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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