



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1436

1. Project Title Taylor County School District Technology Needs

2. Senate Sponsor Corey Simon

3. Date of Request 10/30/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this project is to upgrade and expand technology infrastructure across district schools to support high quality digital learning and to enhance instructional delivery. This project will fund the purchase and installation of new classroom technology such as interactive displays, student laptops, instructional software, and network improvements. This will ensure that all students- regardless of socioeconomic status- will have access to reliable digital learning resources aligned with state standards. These improvements will strengthen instructional effectiveness, boost student performance, and better prepare graduates for college and workforce success in a technology driven society.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	660,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	660,000

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)	660,000	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 2026-2027	660,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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	Technology needs across the district: docking stations with monitors student laptops security cameras smartboards printers miscellaneous technology supplies	660,000
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)		660,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The funds will be used to upgrade and expand classroom technology to support digital learning, improve instructional delivery, and enhance student engagement. The goal is to ensure that all students have access to modern, reliable technology that aligns with state curriculum standards and prepares them for college and career readiness in a digital economy.

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

Project activities include the purchase and installation of updated classroom technology such as interactive displays, student devices, secure network infrastructure, and instructional software.

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

This project will directly benefit students, teachers, and the broader school community by providing access to advanced instructional technology and digital resources. Citizens will also benefit through improved educational outcomes, better preparation of students for the workforce, and expanded opportunities for technology-driven community education programs.

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

The target population includes approximately 2300 students and 188 instructional staff members who will utilize the upgraded technology daily. In addition, local families and community members will benefit from access to enhanced digital learning environments and community engagement initiatives supported by the new technology infrastructure.

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

Expected outcomes include increased student achievement, improved technology proficiency, greater instructional efficiency, and equitable access to digital learning tools. Success will be measured by analyzing student performance data, teacher usage reports, network reliability metrics, and survey feedback from students and staff on technology effectiveness.

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?

Withholding payments until project milestones are met or reduction of final payment if deliverables are not completed to the standards outlined in the contract.

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):

Hurricanes Idalia and Helene

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

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



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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

☒ 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.



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

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