



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1439

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Hurricane Helen caused extensive damage to the football field at Dorsett Stadium. The high winds ripped the newly installed guest bleachers and drug them across the playing surface. This caused deep gouges and ruts throughout the field and tore up the sprinkler system leaving it unsafe. A synthetic turf replacement will not only restore the field to pre storm condition but will also provide long term resiliency against future storms.

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	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,600,000

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)	1,600,000	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	1,600,000	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		

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/01/2026

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

The district will handle the operation 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.

Taylor County School District

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	Permits: Demolition/removal of existing grass/soil: Drainage/base work: Installation of synthetic turf surface: Permanent field markings: Goal posts:	1,600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,600,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds requested will restore and modernized the football field that was severely damaged by Hurricane Helene. It will ensure that students and the community can once again have access to a safe, functional and storm-resilient facility through installation of a durable turf surface.

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



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The project will include the removal of the storm damaged natural grass field and installation of a turf playing surface. This will ensure that the athletic field can support athletic programs, physical education classes, extracurricular events and community activities year-round.

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

The project will provide students, families and community members with a safe and reliable venue for athletic programs, physical education, extracurricular events, and community gatherings. The upgraded turf field will expand opportunities for youth sports, school events and recreational use.

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

The target population is our 997 middle and high school students who participate in athletics, physical education and extracurricular activities. In addition, the XXXX estimated number of local youth leagues and community groups annually.

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

The expected outcome is the restoration and modernization of the football field into a safe, storm resilient turf facility. Benefits include reduced maintenance costs, increased facility availability for athletics, physical education and community events year round. Outcomes will be measured by:

- * Completion of project within the project timeline
- * Number of athletic events successfully hosted on the new surface
- * User feedback from students, staff and community groups

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

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

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



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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.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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