



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1500

1. Project Title Dixie District School Consolidation- Old Town Elementary Classroom Addition

2. Senate Sponsor Corey Simon

3. Date of Request 11/17/2025

4. Project/Program Description

As part of the District's consolidation from four schools to three, this project increases Old Town Elementary's capacity to offset classroom loss from Anderson Elementary's closure. Enclosing existing covered play areas creates four new instructional spaces, maximizing savings by utilizing existing roof and foundations. A new covered walkway, designed per S.R.E.F. guidelines, enhances safety and connectivity for students.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	25,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,950,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,975,000

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)	1,975,000	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	1,975,000	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.

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?

12/01/2026

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?

DOE FTE funds, PECO funds, and LCIF funds.

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.

Old Town Elementary School is owned and operated by Dixie District Schools.

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	District Administrator and Maintenance Supervisor charged with project oversight, both during design and construction.	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contracting with design professional for construction documents for enclosing of existing covered play area for 4 new classrooms. Selection of Contractor/CM for construction new classrooms.	1,950,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,975,000

13. Program Performance

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

As part of the District's consolidation from four schools to three, this project increases Old Town Elementary's capacity to offset classroom loss from Anderson Elementary's closure. Enclosing existing covered play areas creates four new instructional spaces, maximizing savings by utilizing existing roof and foundations. A new covered walkway, designed per S.R.E.F. guidelines, enhances safety and connectivity for students.

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



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The District will engage the services of Design Professionals (Architect and Engineer) to design the new classrooms. After completion of construction documents, a licensed Contractor will be selected to construct the classrooms.

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

In addition to the 500 to 600 students that attend the school each day, the facility is a community hub. The spaces would be used for non-school related sporting events and outdoor community events. The classrooms may be used by local organizations for community events and meetings.

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

500-600 elementary school students and between 250-500 community members may use the classrooms for after school outdoor events.

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

The existing Anderson Campus has been approved for demolition by DOE due to age and usability. Moving the population to the newer Old Town Campus will provide a more conducive environment for learning. Students and staff will no longer deal with overcrowding.

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?

If the work is not completed on schedule, the performing contractor would be assessed liquidated damages. These damages would be calculated as the cost, per day, for disruption to educational activities and the cost, per day, for any temporary relocation of students and/or staff.

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 Helene, Milton, Debbie and Idalia

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)?



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- ☐ 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) School District

- 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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