



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1508

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project will renovate Gretchen Everhart School's outdoor play areas, which are currently inaccessible, outdated, and unsafe. Existing equipment and surfaces prevent students with profound disabilities from active play. Funds will create a fully accessible, inclusive, and safe outdoor space with adaptive equipment, sensory areas, and accessible pathways that support physical, social, and emotional development.

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	1,218,410
Total State Funds Requested	1,218,410

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)	1,218,410	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	1,218,410	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?

06/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

01/01/2027

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

Leon County School district will assume responsibility for ongoing operations and maintenance of the playground, funding will be provided through the districts existing facilities maintenance budget, which covers routine inspections, repairs, and equipment upkeep to ensure long term safety and accessibility.

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.

The facility is owned by the Leon County School district. The district is a public entity and will directly receive and manage the fixed capital outlay funding for the project. Gretchen Everhart School operated under the Leon County School District and is the beneficiary of the improvements.

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	Playground 1: \$379,349 Playground 2: \$839,958	1,218,410
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,218,410

13. Program Performance

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

The project will renovate Gretchen Everhart School's outdoor play areas, which are currently inaccessible, outdated, and unsafe. Existing equipment and surfaces prevent students with profound disabilities from active play. Funds will create a fully accessible, inclusive, and safe outdoor space with adaptive equipment, sensory areas, and accessible pathways that support physical, social, and emotional development.

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



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Activities will include the removal of outdated, inaccessible equipment and installation of new ADA-compliant play structures, sensory and mobility features, and accessible surfacing. Services will include design, site preparation, construction, and safety inspection.

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

The project will provide direct services to students with disabilities by giving them safe, accessible opportunities for physical activity, social interaction, sensory engagement, and therapeutic play. It will offer an inclusive environment that supports development, independence, and well-being, directly enhancing the daily educational and recreational experiences of the school community.

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

"The target population is students at Gretchen Everhart School with profound physical, cognitive, and sensory disabilities. The playground will serve approximately 100 students annually, providing an inclusive environment that supports physical activity, social interaction, and overall development.

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

An accessible playground improves physical health by encouraging movement that builds strength, balance, coordination, and endurance. For students with disabilities, it provides safe opportunities for therapeutic exercise that supports mobility goals and reduces sedentary behavior. Regular play enhances cardiovascular health, flexibility, and motor planning, while fostering independence and physical confidence. Measured outcomes will include improvements in mobility, balance, coordination, and strength as documented by physical or occupational therapists; increased duration and frequency of active play; reduced sedentary time; achievement of individualized therapy goals.

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?

Corrective action requirement: The school may be required to submit and implement a corrective plan within a special time frame at no additional cost to the agency.

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#:



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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) School District

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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