



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1527

1. Project Title "Learning in Motion": The Crossroad Playground Project

2. Senate Sponsor Corey Simon

3. Date of Request 11/17/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Crossroad Academy, a Blue Ribbon K–12 charter school since 1998, seeks funds to build its first on-campus playground. Currently, students must cross the street to play, creating safety concerns. The Learning in Motion Project will provide a safe, accessible space promoting fitness, wellness, and balanced learning for 570 students and over 800 people. This is a non-recurring request that supports student health and community engagement in the Gadsden County community.

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	60,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	20,000
Total State Funds Requested	80,000

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)	80,000	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	80,000	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/15/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/1/2026

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

Capital outlay and general funds will maintain the playground area and support any cleaning, maintenance and upkeep 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.

Crossroad Academy Charter School of Business in partnership with Community Economic and Development Organization receive capital outlay funding and are co-owners of the land in which the playground will be built.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project execution, vision, contractual communication, project scheduling, safety designee, and problem solving.	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Playground equipment, benches and materials.	50,000
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	Land clearing cost, fencing and mulching on a 5,000 sqft. open field.	20,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		80,000

13. Program Performance

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

At least 85% of students will demonstrate increased engagement, focus, and participation in classroom activities as a result of structured "learning in motion" breaks on the playground, measured through teacher observations, academic participation logs, surveys and student grades. This supports cognitive development, attention span, and overall learning readiness.

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



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The activities and services that will be provided include daily physical fitness and balanced cognitive/motor skills for all students.

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

Funds will build Crossroad Academy's first on-campus playground with safe, age-appropriate equipment, fencing, and surfacing. Students will engage in active play, gross motor skill development, and cooperative activities, promoting physical fitness, social-emotional growth, and a healthy, safe space for the entire school community.

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

The target population is K-12 students living in Gadsden County and the community of Gadsden. This project will serve over 800 people.

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

The expected benefit or outcome of this project is to provide 75% of Crossroad Academy K-12 students an opportunity to engage in a minimum of 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily on the new playground, contributing to improved cardiovascular fitness, gross motor skills, and overall health. The methodology by which this outcome will be measured by student participation and activity level tracking using a combination of teacher/PE staff logs, structured activity schedules, and periodic student surveys.

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?

In addition to standard penalties outlined in the contract, the legislature may consider implementing the following measures to ensure accountability and timely completion of project deliverables: 1) A percentage of payment (e.g., 10–25%) may be withheld until all outstanding deliverables are completed to the legislature's satisfaction. 2) Documented failure to meet obligations may be reported as part of the performance monitoring system, which may affect vendor future requests.

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:



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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



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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