



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1274

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Upward Trend Academy, a beacon of hope in our small Central Florida community, has been providing essential education services to students with disabilities since its registration as a private school in 2019. Our commitment to nurturing and supporting these exceptional students has been unwavering, filling a crucial void in our community. As we strive to extend our reach and accommodate more students and families in need, our journey is met with a critical hurdle. The safety of our beloved students and the expansion of our physical space are intertwined, and we find ourselves in need of a fundamental lifeline: a fire sprinkler system. Your support in realizing this essential safety measure is not just an investment in infrastructure; it is a pledge to protect the dreams and aspirations of the incredible students who grace the halls of Upward Trend Academy.  
www.UpwardTrendAcademy.com

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	307,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>307,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	307,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>307,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future 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.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Sprinkler	307,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>307,000</b>

14. Program Performance

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



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

Install a 13 fire sprinkler system to include coverage in the attic and a fire alarm system. Design basis to comply with NFPA 13 and AHJ. Installation of 2 backflow systems, road work, and test and inspections for 140 feet of underground line.

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

Ensure safety of the individuals in our community and the students we serve and expansion of services.

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

Students with disabilities and staff that attend Upward Trend Academy.  
Around 100 people.

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

Improve the physical and mental health of the individuals we serve by keeping them as safe as possible and preventing the risks that come with fire. It has been proven by the NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program that fire deaths and injury rates are lower when sprinklers are present. By meeting this requirement, we will be able to continue to provide evidence based services and levels of education our students need to progress.

**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 the contract?**

If we do not install a fire sprinkler system and comply with Fire Code 14.3.5.1, we will not be in compliance with the Department of Education's requirements to have an approved fire inspection for a private school. Which would result in shutting down our school program.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. 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)



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d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number