



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2590

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The School Board of Highlands County is seeking funding assistance for an additional classroom wing at Woodlawn Elementary School in Sebring, Florida.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>6,000,000</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)	6,000,000	75%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	25%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

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

9. Is future 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.

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

No

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



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## 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2025

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.

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### 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	Design fees, new construction costs, civil engineering work, moving playground, removing relocatables, shelter design, land surveys, and site work	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>6,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

The district currently has 12 relocatables at Woodlawn Elementary. Per statute 1013.21, It's the goal of the legislature that all school districts shall provide a quality educational environment for their students. The legislation has commitment to school funding in this act, in part to help districts reduce the number of temporary relocatable student stations .

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

In order to provide quality educational environments for the students at Woodlawn Elementary, permanent buildings are necessary. In addition, these new permanent classrooms will provide a safe learning environment for our students.

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



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The district will be able to provide a quality and safer environment for the students to learn.

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

The targeted population are elementary students at Woodlawn Elementary. The new classroom wing will serve approximately 236 student stations. Woodlawn Elementary offers Kindergarten thru 5th grade.

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

Permanent buildings are essential to provide a quality educational environment. 12 classrooms of students would benefit from this project. Safety is a top priority for the School Board of Highlands County and these new permanent structures will ensure a safer environment for the students currently housed in the relocatables due to over-capacity in their current school.

Woodlawn Elementary serves 778 students, with 82% economically disadvantaged. This is one of our schools that serves the highest population of migrant students in our district.

**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?**

None

**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) Public School District

d. First Name  Last Name   
 e. E-mail Address   
 f. Phone Number

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number