



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2866

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The facility will serve as an education innovation hub, helping ensure high-quality public education by providing equity and access to resources and programming for students and teachers in Palm Beach County and a training facility that will provide professional development for teachers. The project supports the operation of over 100 educational programs, including the expansion of Red Apple Supplies, a free teacher resource store, equipping teachers with essential supplies for their classrooms.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	13%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	13,000,000	87%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	15,000,000	100%

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.**

Local funding from businesses and philanthropists.

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



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/31/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2024

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.

In 4/2022, the School Board of Palm Beach County approved a ground lease between the District and the Education Foundation. Multiple public hearings occurred, meeting with City Commissioners, Capital Improvements and Infrastructure meetings, Lake Worth Beach Neighborhood Association Presidents' Council meetings, Signed Ground Lease and Owner's Rep, Contract Signed, and demolition began Oct.2023.

13. 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: Other		
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	Throughout 2024, the state funding will be expended on most of the construction phase. This includes the exterior construction (procurement, demolition, site work, utilities, building slab, tilt-wall panels, bar joists, roofing, windows, and exterior paint) and the interior construction (mechanical, electrical, plumbing, framing, drywall, paint, lighting, ceilings, flooring, doors, hardware, and furniture). In December 2024, the final inspections, punch list, and grand opening will take place.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The new innovative facility will allow the Foundation to leverage a greater number of resources to benefit programs and services to students and teachers. Services and activities include providing research-based professional development for teachers and staff, continuing to operate over 100 innovative programs that close achievement gaps in learning, and improving educational access and equity.

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

Programming carried out through the new state-of-the-art education space will improve teachers' instructional quality in Palm Beach County and reduce the amount of funds teachers' pay out of pocket to purchase school supplies for students who otherwise cannot afford them. As a result, students will learn in a more equitable classroom environment and experience academic improvement/learning gains.

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

The new 32,000 sq. ft. building will include a training facility, offering professional development for teachers and supporting over 100 programs, including the expansion of Red Apple Supplies, a free teacher resource store, and equipping teachers with essential resources for their classrooms.

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

All students and teachers in The School District of Palm Beach County will be served. This new facility will support over 180,000 students in The School District of Palm Beach County, representing the future of our community.

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

The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County empowers public education by supplying the builders – the district's schools and educators – with the essential materials required for the task. From awarding grants that support innovative programs and scholarships to providing necessary school supplies and resources from Red Apple Supplies, the Foundation's signature program, the Education Foundation plays an integral role in supporting over 180,000 students in The School District of Palm Beach County.

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?

Delay or withholding of funds.

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



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number