

**The Florida House of Representatives**  
**Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2022-23**  
 For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Freeport High School - Aquaculture Marine Academy Program
2. Date of Submission: 11/16/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Brad Drake

**4. Details of Amount Requested:**

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2021-22 <i>(If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2022-23 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b>
Input Amounts:					500,000	500,000

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2022-23 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request	500,000	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal	0	0.0%	No
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local	0	0.0%	No

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5. Other	0	0.0%	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

5. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Education

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

Proposed penalties for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract include withholding of funds and liquidation of damages.

7. Requester:

a. Name: A. Russell Hughes

b. Organization: Walton County School District, Superintendent

c. Email: hughesr@walton.k12.fl.us

d. Phone #: (850)892-2110

8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

a. Name: Jennifer Hawthorne

b. Organization: Walton County School District, Superintendent

c. Email: jennifer.hawthorne@walton.k12.fl.us

d. Phone #: (850)892-1100

9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

a. Name: Kelly W. Horton

b. Firm: Heffley & Associates

c. Email: kelly@heffleyassociates.com

d. Phone #: (850)513-1200

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

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- a. Name: Walton County School District, Superintendent
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Walton
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Walton

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe) School District

12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

The project proposes to equip Freeport High School with a new Aquaculture Career Pathway. Aquaculture is the rearing of aquatic animals or the cultivation of aquatic plants for food. The program will provide hands-on, rigorous career and technical education (CTE) where students earn industry certifications and prepare for the growing workforce. Partners involved include the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance, Walton County Commissioners, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

13. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Aquaculture equipment will be purchased, such as tanks, greenhouse materials, pools, aerators, aquatic vegetation, species for tanks, lights, pumps,	500,000

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	computers, and lab equipment. Certification costs, including curriculum and exams, will also be included. Exploratory travel, professional development for instructors/leaders and field trips for students, will be included as well.	
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>500,000</b>

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?
- For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
  - State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
  - Other (Please describe)

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15. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

16. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance (CBA), Walton County Commissioners, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

No

18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

This program offers a sequence of courses that provide coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, career cluster. This proposed project will support the aide in the recovery of the Eastern Oyster in Choctawhatchee Bay.

b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

The content includes but is not limited to instruction in the planning, management, finance, technical and production skills, underlying principles of technology, labor issues, community issues, health and safety, and environmental issues in the aquaculture industry.

c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups"). Select all that apply to the target population:

Elderly persons

Persons with poor mental health

Persons with poor physical health

Jobless persons

Economically disadvantaged persons

At-risk youth

Homeless

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- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe): The content includes but is not limited to instruction in the planning, management, finance, technic

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

19. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	Increase industry certifications in Aquaculture	100% increase in Aquaculture certifications
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Hands-on, relevant education focused on career and technical education	3% increase in graduation rate of CTE students vs non-CTE students 5% increase in post-secondary attendance of CTE students vs non-CTE students,
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	Partner with Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance to develop subtidal reefs in the Choctawhatchee for the purpose of oyster aquiculture, seagrasses, etc.	Increase the number of subtidal reefs in the Choctawhatchee Bay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Creating subtidal reefs will improve the oyster population and water quality of the Choctawhatchee Bay	Increase the number of subtidal reefs in the Choctawhatchee Bay
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Increased opportunities for oyster harvesting	Increase the number of subtidal reefs constructed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	Increased opportunities for fishing	Increase the number of subtidal reefs constructed
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management	Water quality will improve as oysters increase.	Increase the number of subtidal reefs constructed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		