CCPS Safety

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Area: Countywide (all public schools located within Charlotte County)

Location: Project is located throughout the Charlotte County Public School District

Category: Schools

Focus Area(s): Infrastructure (School safety and security)

Need:
The modernization of technological infrastructure, within public schools, which will allow for the implementation of next generation technologies.

Purpose:
Sales tax funds will be used to upgrade and retrofit infrastructure to support existing and future technological needs in the area of school security.

Objectives:
Modernizing and upgrading technological infrastructure to include but not be limited to: intermediate distribution frame rooms, main distribution frame rooms, bandwidth inside/between buildings, and video management servers.

Project Cost Prior Funding:	**$0**
Project Cost Prior from Sales Tax:	**$0**
Total Project Cost:	**$20,000,000**
Project Cost Required New Sales Tax:	**$10,000,000**
Annual Operating Cost:	**$400,000**

Will the project impact public health and safety? If so, how?

> Yes, this project is tied to school safety and security which directly impacts public health and safety. The modernized infrastructure will allow for existing technologies to work with a higher level of efficiency (examples include the school active assailant system and video management system).

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? If so, how?

> Yes, this project is very large in scope (all Charlotte County Public Schools and potentially ancillary facilities) and will be a multi-year endeavor. The upgrading of IT infrastructure will allow the district to continue using preventative security technologies allowing Charlotte County Public Schools to be in the forefront of safe school districts in Florida.

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?

> This project will increase the operation and maintenance costs for the Charlotte County Public School District due to ability to add new security upgrades.

Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?

> Yes, the ability to obtain sales tax dollars for infrastructure enhancements will allow for potential participation for available state and federal security grants.

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2014 sales tax extension?

> Yes, this project builds upon the 2014 & 2020 one cent sales extension which provided infrastructure funds for a wide range of security upgrades such as: classroom door security function lock-sets, school front office single point entry upgrades, and the active assailant lockdown system.

Is this a joint project with another entity?

> No, this is an internal school district project.

Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as: low-income, aged, or minorities?

> Yes, this project directly serves all public-school students which is a population that mirrors the demographics of Charlotte County.

Is the project included in a Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, or Capital Needs Assessment?

> Yes, the project features many of the recommendations outlined in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Commission Reports. Infrastructure enhancements are included in the CCPS "Five Year District Facility Work-Plan" which is incorporated into the Capitol Improvement Element of the Charlotte County Government's Comprehensive Plan.

Will the project impact environmental quality of Charlotte County? If so, how?

There is no negative impact on environmental quality to Charlotte County.

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

Yes, this infrastructure project has a positive impact on the quality of life of the students, parents, and citizens of Charlotte County. A Community that prioritizes the safety and well-being of children is a direct reflection of its values and quality of life.

Is the project state or federally mandated?

Maintaining quality technological infrastructure will allow the district to pursue a wide range of state/federal mandates related to student safety.

Is the project dependent upon or connected with the completion of another project?

No, infrastructure retrofitting and upgrades that have been previously outlined are not dependent on another project but will allow additional next generation programming in the area of school security.