



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1730

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

For DOE to renew a yearly subscription to a clearinghouse database which would 1) keep track of all bonds prior to vote and issuance by school districts, 2) allow districts to coordinate purchasing across districts, 3) allow districts to rate and review vendors, 4) allow districts to share project documents and 5) advertise RFPs nationwide to increase the number of competitors that reply to RFPs. The increase in vendor competition will help reduce cost.

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	670,223
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	670,223

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)	670,223	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	670,223	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	670,223	96	Yes

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.

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.



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\$46,429.52: payroll in 2020. \$46,329.42: payroll in 2021.

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
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	Annual software as a service subscription	670,223
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		670,223

14. Program Performance

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

Keeping track of what bonds are being discussed, proposed or issued by school districts prior to issuance. Allowing smaller school districts to coordinate purchases to achieve economies of scale. Increase the number of vendors competing for school district RFPs as a means by which to reduce cost through competition. The technology would notify a larger, national group of vendors of opportunities in order to increase competition, by increasing the number of competitors.

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



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The clearinghouse database will keep track of what bonds are being discussed, have been proposed by a district or local board of education, and voted on by the public (with vote outcome) and therefore issued by school districts. Allowing smaller school districts to coordinate purchases to achieve economies of scale. Increase the number of vendors competing for school district RFPs as a means by which to reduce cost through competition. The technology would notify and publish to a larger, national group of vendors of the bid opportunities in order to increase competition through increasing the reach and number of competitors.

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

No direct services will be provided to citizens.

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

Florida students and taxpayers.

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

Florida taxpayers will benefit from the increased competition and reduction in capital expenditures of local school districts. Students will benefit from this same reduction that will allow additional dollars to flow to the classroom. District activity tracking and reporting will provide data on the outcome.

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?

The agency should renew a contract for this service as a yearly subscription. If the technology does not work after payment and activation, withhold future payments/renewals.

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) State Agency

d. First Name **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number