



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2633

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Fund an HCPS early childhood literacy mobile classroom to provide children and families with access to high-quality resources, including empowering parents with practical, supporting materials, introducing them to the New Worlds Reading Initiative, and recruiting children for early childhood programs.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	600,894
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	600,894

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	600,894	86%
Matching Funds		
Federal	94,715	13%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	7,080	1%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	702,689	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.

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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The total amount of COVID relief funding that has been awarded to HCPS since 2020 is \$873,149,975.10. These funds have supported a variety of initiatives, including supporting the continued operation of schools, sanitation supplies to prevent the spread of disease, education support materials, and supplemental experiences for students to address and mitigate learning loss experienced as a result of the pandemic.

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Upon approval of funding

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 2023

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.

HCPS

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	Bus Driver: \$17.86 per hour x 50 hours per month x 12 months Bus Driver Fringe @ 38.96%	14,894
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Bus and associated maintenance, retrofitted and wrapped for multiple readiness activities (\$510,000); Educational and health materials and resources to distribute to Pre-K students and families to prepare them for Kindergarten (\$5,000/month x 12 months); Marketing materials to encourage participation in program (\$1,000/month x 12 months)	586,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,894

14. Program Performance



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

Approximately half of the children attending kindergarten at a public school in Hillsborough County enter ready to learn. When a young child enters kindergarten ready for school, there is an 82% chance that child will master basic skills by age 11, compared with a 45% chance for children who are not school ready (First Five Years Fund). Providing this mobile service will remove barriers to accessing programming, increase enrollment in early learning programs appropriate for each child, provide early identification and interventions matched to each child's individual needs, and increase the number of children who enter kindergarten able to read and ready to learn.

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

This project request provides mobile early learning opportunities for children birth to grade 3 with wraparound services that increase access to and availability of resources to assist with the transition to and readiness for kindergarten and ensures student success in reading by the end of grade 3.

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

A visually appealing, converted bus will serve the community in a multitude of ways. The mobile classroom will provide ongoing access to resources, information, and health and wellness programming. Available programming will help families engage their child in developmentally appropriate learning experiences and advance their own education.

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

For children birth to grade 3, as well as those who are developmentally disabled, at-risk youth, and economically disadvantaged persons.

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

Ultimately, to increase the numbers of students who are entering kindergarten able to read and ready to learn.

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?

Should the school not meet the agreed upon deliverables, a pay back process may be established.

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)



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☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☒ Other (please specify) School District

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