



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1372

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

Learning through Listening provides public school students with print disabilities accessible, human-narrated version of textbooks and literature used in Florida schools and professional training to educators on the implementation of the program. Additional funds will support expanded program to ensure sustainability and ability to support further growth.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	150,000	80%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	37,848	20%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>187,848</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	1,141,704	150,000	115	No

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.**

There is no alternative funding source for this program.

**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.**

Learning Ally received a PPP loan in the amount of \$2,082,100, which was used for payroll.



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**11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Expanded school and operational staff to support increased number of schools being served, including the following areas: PRODUCTION: Recording, post production of audio books for Library. TECHNOLOGY: All technology to support online access and playback. PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT: Updates and improvements to service and audiobooks.	124,249
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supporting expanded server capacity and additional materials needed to support an increased number of schools.	25,751
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL SUPPORT EXPANDED PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN STRECHED FROM 5,400 STUDENTS IN 780 SCHOOLS IN SY2014-15 TO 34,000 STUDENTS IN 1,930 SCHOOLS IN THE CURRENT YEAR. FUNDS ENSURE SUSTANIBILITY AND ABILITY TO SUPPORT FURTHER GROWTH. PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES ACCESSIBLE, HUMAN-NARRATED VERSION OF TEXTBOOKS AND LITERATURE USED IN FLORIDA SCHOOLS AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TO EDUCATORS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM.

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

FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE ACCESS TO COLLECTION OF MORE THEN 80,000 ACADEMIC TITLES (TEXTBOOKS, LITERATURE, ETC.) FOR USE BY STUDENTS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES; REQUIRED SOFTWARE AND MOBILE APPS ARE INCLUDED; EDUCATORS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITES TO DEVELOP SKILLS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENTTHE PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH THESE DISABILITIES.

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

ACCESS TO ACCESSIBLE HUMAN-NARRATED VERSION OF AUDIOBOOKS FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES  
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITES FOR EDUCATORS TEACHING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.

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

Florida public school students who struggle to read due to a disability or related condition. A total of 32,398 students used the service in FY 2019.

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



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be measured?

Through educator surveys we measure student growth in academic achievement, growth in independent reading and educational attainment.

**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 existing contract addresses penalties that would carry forward into any new agreement.

**13. 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.**

N/A



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number