



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1441

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Muzology is seeking a \$960,000 appropriation request to do an extensive pilot program in Brevard, Collier, Duval, Escambia, Hernando, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Manatee, Pinellas, Polk and Pasco counties. Due to COVID, students across the state of Florida saw a 10 point drop in Math based competency. The pilot program would serve approximately 240,000 students in middle school in the identified counties for the 22-23 school year. The pilot would be used to map and mitigate learning loss in algebra readiness due to COVID-19.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 960,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 960,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 960,000 | 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 2022-2023 | 960,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| | | | | |

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Yes, PPP \$105,900 for salaries.

11. 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 | One Year Platform Subscription (including summer) for approximately 240,000 students at \$4.00/student (includes 24-7 platform access to Muzology on any Internet connected device PLUS free teacher accounts, professional development, teacher training and support, platform set up, maintenance and technical support). | 960,000 |
| 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) | | 960,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

Goal: Improve math learning, engagement, and achievement among middle school students and rapidly fill in learning gaps due to the pandemic. Muzology is a nationally-recognized learning platform that teaches math through the power of music. Muzology uses instructional math music videos (mapped to FL standards) to make learning math fun, engaging and effective for students of ALL levels of proficiency. Muzology is SEL-aligned and a proven evidence-based solution for math learning and recovery.

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

FULL access to Muzology’s award-winning, digital math platform. Access is 24-7 on any internet connected device. Muzology uses instructional math music videos and associated formative assessments to make math relevant and engaging for ALL students. Muzology is a supplemental learning tool that is mapped to FL standards and evidence-based, SEL-aligned and ESSER-aligned.

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

Muzology’s learning platform (containing instructional math music videos and formative assessments, plus assignment features and student/teacher analytics) will be provided to approximately 240,000 Florida middle school students across 11 counties. Includes ongoing professional development, training, and support to ensure seamless and effective implementation plus technical support.

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

240,000 middle school students in Brevard, Collier, Duval, Escambia, Hernando, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Manatee, Pinellas, Polk and Pasco counties.

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?

To close the achievement gap for middle school students for pre-algebra and algebra readiness. Be measured through in-platform formative math assessments, in-platform engagement metrics, class math grades, class attendance, measures of class behavior issues, state testing scores, teacher reports, student self-reports, and qualitative assessments of math enjoyment, confidence, and self-efficacy.

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?

Repayment of funds

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