



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1730

1. Project Title Walkabouts Kinesthetic Learning Program Pilot

2. Senate Sponsor Dennis Baxley

3. Date of Request 12/01/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Walkabouts are on-demand adventures that transform math, language arts, and reading content into short, movement-rich activities for Pre-K through 2nd grade students. This research-based online tool makes it easy for teachers and parents to create lessons that bring key concepts to life through physical activity. Walkabouts correlate to the state standards teachers already use to develop lessons. Approximately 1000 Florida schools (>350,000 students) will receive a 12 month license to use Walkabouts.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	700,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	700,000

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)	700,000	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	700,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21		200,000	114	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 700,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

None

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.

PPP for payroll - PPP1-\$21,762, PPP2-\$21,762 and EIDL for payroll and operations - \$150,000.

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	Each school will receive an unlimited 12 month license for Walkabouts at school and unlimited access to the program for each student at home.	700,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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)		700,000

12. Program Performance

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

The kinesthetic learning preference is often overlooked in the classroom setting. All children benefit from movement and physical activity; however many children need to move as they learn. Walkabouts provides those students a resource to do just that. Research on Walkabouts demonstrates that the more kids move, there is an increase in academic performance, fewer behavior problems, less hyperactivity and more academic engagement.

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

Approximately 1000 elementary schools will each receive a 12 month license. Each student will also have unlimited access to the Walkabouts platform at home. More than 350,000 students will have access to the program in FL.

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

Since Walkabouts is an online platform housed in the cloud there is no software to download. Florida citizens will be able to use Walkabouts with their children outside of school on their phones, tablets, and/or computers to expand learning beyond the classroom.

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

It is anticipated that more than 350,000 elementary school students will have access to the Walkabouts platform at school and at home. Underserved communities often lack technological resources to bridge the health and achievement gaps. Walkabouts is also an appropriate resource for Title I schools and other students at risk who need additional pedagogical support.

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



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Evidenced from Iowa State University and UC Irvine validates that students using Walkabouts can expect to increase focus, decrease hyperactivity and increase academic engagement. These specific educational outcomes/benefits are significant predictors of academic performance. An additional expected benefit of implementing the Walkabouts program is an improvement in physical, social and emotional health.

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?

Based upon success in other states, we fully expect grades to improve. However, we are willing to work with the Department on this provision.

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