



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2005

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Rural Digital Literacy Program (FRDLP) is intended to provide educators in rural and low economic regions of Florida with the curriculum and professional development necessary to prepare their students for an increasingly digital world, by ensuring they receive the opportunity to learn the critical digital literacy skills they will need to be successful in school, college, and careers - closing the "digital divide" between these students and their peers in other areas of Florida.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,900,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,900,000

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)	1,900,000	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	1,900,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years	0	1,100,000		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.

N/A

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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Learning.com received a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan in the amount of \$1.7M in May 2020 and was used for authorized expenditures including payroll, benefits and rent. The PPP loan was fully forgiven in November 2020.

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	Contract Administrative Fee (2.5% of total funding)	47,500
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Project and Implementation Manager (50%)	40,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Curriculum Licensing, Training and Support	1,812,500
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)		1,900,000

12. Program Performance

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

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

FRDLP will provide access to a comprehensive, online, K-12 curriculum that teach critical digital literacy skills including Information Technology Fundamentals, Keyboarding, Online Safety and Digital Citizenship, Internet Usage and Online Communication, Visual Mapping, Multimedia, Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Databases, Presentations, Computational Thinking, and Coding and Virtual Robotics.

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

The focus of the project is to directly serve rural K-12 schools as described in (d) below.

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

The FRDLP will serve counties with = or < 7,500 students, which includes 25 of the total 67 counties (~81,342 K-12 students). The curricula will include rigorous instruction, projects, applications, and other interactive and engaging content that help students build the digital literacy skills that are foundational to STEM and CTE programs. Teachers will receive training and ongoing 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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The benefits and outcome that will be measured by FRDLP will include; teacher utilization, student engagement, and increased student performance and growth across each digital skill area being taught. FRDLP will measure teacher and student usage and content launches monthly, which are indicators of adoption and engagement. Student performance can be measured using the scores on lessons, quizzes, application exercise, etc. To measure student growth in each skill area, FRDLP will use pre- and post-skill checks that measure the impact of instructional content on student understanding.

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 deliverables or performance measures associated with FRDLP not meet those outlined in the contract, the Department of Education (DOE) shall provide notification within 30-days of recognition of issue(s). DOE will provide a 90-day cure period for identified issue(s). The contract period will be extended on a day-for-day basis until the deliverables or performance measures are satisfied. If resolution is still not achieved, the contract can be canceled by the DOE.

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