



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1472

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

This is the a continuing contract which has been in use by DOE for 4 years. Keeping track of what bonds are being discussed, proposed, or issued by school districts prior to issuance. Allowing smaller school districts to coordinate purchases to achieve economies of scale. Increase the number of vendors competing for school district RFPs as a means by which to reduce cost through competition. The technology would notify a larger, national group of vendors of opportunities to increase competition, by increasing the number of competitors.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	670,223
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>670,223</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	670,223	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>670,223</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	670,223	100	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?  Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

None, this is specific to the state DOE tracking school bond issued debt through referendums

**Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects**



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**10. Status of Construction**

**a. What is the current phase of the project?**

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

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

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?**

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

**e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?**

**11. 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.**

**12. 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</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Annual software as a service subscription	670,223
<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>670,223</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

Currently School Districts have over \$14 Billion in school issued bond debt. This system keeps track of what bonds are being discussed, proposed, or issued by school districts prior to issuance. Allows DOE to make sure districts are not over leveraged. Allowing smaller school districts to coordinate purchases to achieve economies of scale. Increase the number of vendors competition for school district RFPs as a means by which to reduce cost through competition. The technology also notifies a larger, national group of vendors of opportunities in order to increase competition, by increasing the number of competitors.

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



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The clearinghouse database will keep track of what bonds are being discussed, proposed and passed by school districts, as well as past bonds and debt. Database keeps all bond language to ensure districts comply with bond language. The system also allows smaller school districts to coordinate purchases to achieve economies of scale. Increase the number of vendors competing for school district RFPs as a means by which to reduce cost through competition. The technology would notify and publish to a larger national group of vendors of the bid opportunities in order to increase competition through increasing the reach and number of competitors.

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

No direct services will be provided to citizens

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

Currently the \$14 Billion dollars issued in school district bond debt is on the taxpayer. This database ensures DOE, OPB and Legislature have optics into debt issued by districts as well as all bond referendum language and news articles. Ensures debt ratios are met per state statute. System also helps small districts bids get a larger and more competitive group of bidders saving the taxpayers money. District administrators also use the system to guide first time superintendents in bond referendum process.

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

Florida taxpayers will benefit from the increased competition and reduction in capital expenditures of local school districts. Students will benefit from this same reduction that will allow additional dollars to flow to the classroom. District activity tracking and reporting will provide data on the outcome. The legislature, OPB and DOE will also be able to track the bonds to the intended projects and purposes stated for the bonds and taxes levied by school districts.

**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 in the contract?**

If the technology does not work after payment and activation, withhold future payments/renewals.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:**

**b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:**



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**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

**17. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**18. 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) State Agency

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*