



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1678

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Educators in Hillsborough and Pasco counties face significant challenges as they work to meet the behavioral, academic, and emotional needs of their students. These challenges reflect broader statewide trends but are particularly acute in these two high-need districts, including teacher shortages, burnout and retention and behavioral issues. Through our EmpowerU Resiliency Solution, Catapult Learning is uniquely positioned to extend Florida's Resiliency Education Standards to K-12 educators. This proposal outlines a scalable and impactful plan to provide targeted professional learning to K-12 educators in Hillsborough and Pasco counties.

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	2,542,053
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,542,053</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)	2,542,053	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>2,542,053</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

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.**



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

### 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	The proposed budget for EmpowerU's Educator Professional Learning Solution in Hillsborough and Pasco counties. Costs are calculated based on 179 per K-12 educator, covering materials, 1:1 coaching, and implementation support to serve 411 schools, 14,207 educators and 310,007 students	2,542,053
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>2,542,053</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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Catapult Learning proposes implementing EmpowerU's Educator Professional Learning Solution to support educators in Hillsborough and Pasco counties. This evidence-based program equips K-12 teachers with the tools needed to address classroom challenges, foster resilience, and enhance their own well-being, creating a foundation for success in high-need districts.

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

Self-Paced Learning: Flexible modules designed to fit into the demanding schedules of educators in Hillsborough and Pasco, ensuring accessibility and ease of use. Asynchronous Coaching: Personalized support from trained professionals helps educators in these districts apply strategies to manage stress and improve classroom environments. Data-Driven Outcomes: Pre-to-post assessments track growth in educator resilience, providing measurable improvements in well-being and classroom dynamics. Inservice Points: Upon completion, educators earn 60 in-service points, meeting Florida's requirements for professional learning.

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

1) Enhanced Classroom Environments: to equip teachers with effective strategies to reduce disciplinary issues, and create safe, engaging classrooms. 2) Increased Teacher Retention: By reducing stress and burnout. 3) Improved Student Outcomes: Resilient teachers inspire student engagement, and improved academic performance, preparing students for life beyond school.

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

This initiative provides Hillsborough and Pasco counties with tools and support to address their most pressing educational challenges, creating lasting benefits for both educators and students.  
411 schools, 14,207 educators and 310,007 students impacted will be served under this project

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

Success will be measured using KPIs: 1) Educator Feedback through pre-and post-course surveys 2) Student Engagement through improvement in attendance, participation, and classroom culture 3) Year-over-year retention improvements in participating districts compared to state averages 4) Completion Rates: % of educators completing the professional learning course and applying learned strategies.

**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?**

Repayment of funds will be made to the state if the organization fails to meet the deliverables or performance measure criteria in the contract.

**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



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- 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:**

**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)



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d. First Name  Last Name   
e. E-mail Address   
f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name   
b. Firm Name   
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.*