



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3497

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Florida school districts will pilot software to improve academic intervention tracking, reduce costly ineligible/unnecessary ESE referrals, and provide targeted academic and behavioral support for all students through a whole-child approach. This initiative will streamline data collection, facilitate cross-team collaboration, and enhance real-time progress monitoring so students receive timely, appropriate, and effective interventions that lead to improved academic outcomes.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,000,000	100%

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?** No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	None.	0
Other Salary and Benefits	None.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	None.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	None.	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	None.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	MTSS platform & implementation, educator guidance, professional development & training, early identification & intervention support, behavior monitoring & support services, progress monitoring & data analysis, family engagement & communication tools, compliance & reporting support.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	None.	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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

Florida school districts will pilot software to to improve intervention tracking, reduce costly ineligible/unnecessary ESE evaluation referrals, and provide targeted academic and behavioral support for all students through a whole-child approach. This initiative will streamline data collection, facilitate cross-team collaboration, and enhance real-time progress monitoring to ensure students receive timely, appropriate, and effective interventions that lead to improved academic outcomes.

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



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For Florida students in K-12 - targeted academic and behavioral support, early identification of need and intervention, behavioral monitoring and support, and enhanced family engagement. For teachers: professional development and streamlined compliance and reporting assistance.

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

Students will receive data-driven, personalized interventions to address academic and behavioral challenges to improve success in the classroom. Teachers will have tools to track and address student behaviors, improve self-regulation, decrease disciplinary actions, and create a more positive learning environment. Parents will be empowered by greater visibility into their child's progress.

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

This project will drive system-wide improvements in how students are identified, supported, and monitored, reducing unnecessary ESE evaluation referrals and strengthening MTSS implementation across the district. Approximately 60,000 students and 4,000 teachers will benefit. Additionally, parents and guardians will experience improved communication and engagement, with clearer insights into their child's progress and access to intervention plans.

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

Benefits include: improved intervention tracking, reduction in referrals of ineligible students, and targeted academic and behavioral support for students. Streamlined data collection, cross-team collaboration, and enhanced real-time progress monitoring will ensure students receive timely, appropriate, and effective interventions at all tiers of support. Analyses may include descriptive statistics, correlation tests, multiple regression models, and multilevel models to assess differences in NWEA MAP Growth achievement for students with and without a tracked intervention(s) on the MTSS platform.

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 agreed-upon milestones are not met, both parties will review and adjust implementation strategies, ensuring mutual commitment to overcoming challenges. The parties may utilize a collaborative action plan to identify barriers, adjust training, refine workflows, and provide additional support where needed to get back on track.

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#:



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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) School District

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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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.