



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1417

1. **Project Title** School Debt Service Database2. **Senate Sponsor** Manny Diaz3. **Date of Request** 11/14/20194. **Project/Program Description**

DOE program to fund a clearinghouse database for tracking debt service among school districts and to reduce capital improvement project expenditures through a platform which 1) facilitates collaboration in crafting bond and RFP documents between districts, and 2) provides an unlimited national advertising venue for district RFPs thereby, increasing competition among vendors and ensuring quality service to districts.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of EducationState Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	670,223
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	670,223

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	670,223	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	670,223	100 %

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 670,223



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Software as a service	670,223
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		670,223



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11. Program Performance

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

Department of Education would receive the funds and solicit proposals to procure a clearinghouse database which would 1) keep track of all bonds prior to vote and issuance by school districts, 2) allow districts to coordinate purchasing across districts, 3) allow districts to rate and review vendors, 4) allow districts to upload, download and share project documents and 5) advertise RFPs nationwide to help increase the number of competitors that reply to RFPs and other proposals. Thereby, increasing competition between vendors, reducing costs of goods and services to districts and increasing the quality of vendors that do business with Florida school districts. DoE would also have unlimited access to all data with the ability to request customized reports and alerts.

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

The clearinghouse database will keep track of what bonds are being discussed, have been proposed by a district or local board of education, and voted on by the public (with vote outcome) and therefore issued by school districts. 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 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?

Florida students and taxpayers.

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 district. Students will benefit from this same reduction that will allow additional dollars to flow to the classroom. Districts will be surveyed and survey data shared relative to total number of RFPs advertised per district, number of responses received, and final contract cost awarded. Final contract costs can be analyzed against industry and statewide trends.

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?

The agency should contract for this service and pay in quarterly amounts. If the technology does not work after first quarterly payment and activation, withhold further payments.



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12. 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

13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. 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

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.