



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3248

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Increasing access to quality childcare in Florida is essential to kindergarten readiness. Putting in place a system that enables the state to monitor and report on how a school, teacher, or student is doing with respect to meeting state standards will enable better policy making decisions. Currently the state has 6 disconnected systems in place that need to be integrated and connected in real time with Childcare centers statewide. Centers have an administrative burden that must be reduced in order to deliver higher quality care.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	23,960,536
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	23,960,536

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	23,960,536	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 2023-2024	23,960,536	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future 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.

A one time amount of initial nonrecurring amount \$12,347,950 will be requested for the system rebuild. A subsequent, \$11,612,585 recurring amount will be requested.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

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?

12. 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.

13. 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		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Annual software license fees for Child Care Management Software to be used by Centers statewide. Software development to rebuild and replace 6 existing systems in use by DOE, DEF & DCF.	23,960,536
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)		23,960,536

14. Program Performance

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

Our goals are to provide: (1) a single point of access for parents and providers; and (2) a seamless interface for various users that connects data across systems. This will reduce the administrative burden for childcare centers and allow them to dedicate more time an effort to delivering a higher quality of care.

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



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DOE's chosen vendor intends to create a unified data model across 6 existing early learning data systems in the state, and to provide its childcare management software to all providers in the state. This will simplify the day-to-day activities of centers statewide and provide actionable information to DOE & DEL to make better policy decisions.

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

The direct services provided by the project will include:
 1. Automated fee collection, tracking and reporting. 2. Automated waiting lists and applicant tracking systems. 3. Online childcare enrollment system. 4. Comprehensive staff record keeping, training records and evaluations. 5. Tracking of immunization requirements for each child in the facility's care. 6. Customized health and safety plans for each center, available online to parents or guardians. 7. Access to grant funding resources (if applicable). 8. Connectivity with other government agencies or local authorities to ensure compliance with all relevant regulations.

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

The population served by this project includes all children aged 5 and under. It also includes all employees of the more than 10,000 Early Learning centers in the state. According to US Census Bureau data from July of 2021 5.1% of Florida's 22,244,823 people are under the age of 5. Therefore, the quantity of students served by this project is estimated to be 1,134,484.97. In a 2013 study from the FL Office of Early Learning there were 35,430 workers in this field at the time.

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

The expected benefit of the project is to improve the quality of childcare services and to reduce administrative costs for childcare providers. This outcome will be measured by evaluating changes in childcare provider kindergarten readiness scores, as well as cost savings resulting from increased efficiency and accuracy of data collection and reporting. Additionally, performance metrics such as accuracy, speed, scalability, stability and user experience can be used to gauge the success of the project.

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?

1. Revoking the contract. 2. Financial penalties such as delayed or reduced payment for services rendered. 3. Termination of the contract with cause and potential litigation if warranted. 4. Suspension of activities related to the project until corrective measures are taken and/or accepted by all parties involved in the contract agreement. 5. Require additional performance testing to measure progress against agreed upon deliverables and performance measures before any payments are released, or until termination is enforced, if necessary, without payment for services rendered prior to termination date (if applicable). 6. Reallocation of resources away from a contractor that fails to meet their obligations under a contract agreement.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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Non Profit 501(c)(4)

Local Entity

University or College

Other (please specify) Florida Department of Education

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number