



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2259

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Learning through Listening provides print disabled public school students with human-narrated versions of textbooks and literature used in Florida schools, and professional training to educators on the implementation of the program. Additional funds will support an expanded program that served 101,032 students, and 28,924 educators in over 2,800 schools in 2020.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	593,044
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	593,044

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	593,044	28%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,141,704	54%
Local	0	0%
Other	370,848	18%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	2,105,596	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	1,141,704	150,000	111	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

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

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



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Learning Ally received a PPP loan in the amount of \$2,082,100, which was used for payroll.

11. 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	VIRTUAL LEARNING ALLY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR FLORIDA EDUCATORS AND PARENTS (\$393,044);	393,044
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	10 ASYNCHRONOUS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COURSE DEVELOPMENT (\$200,000); SPOTLIGHT ON DYSLEXIA VIRTUAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CONFERENCE, INCLUDES ACCESS FOR ALL FL PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND PRESENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN UP TO 16 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS THROUGH EDWEB.NET.	200,000
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)		593,044

12. Program Performance

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

Additional funds will continue support and expansion of program that, since FY 14-15, has grown from 5,400 students in 780 schools to 101,032 students and 28,924 educators in over 2,800 schools.

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

Florida public schools will receive access to the collection of more than 80,000 academic titles (textbooks, literature, etc.) for use by students with print disabilities; required software and mobile applications are included; educators will have access to professional learning opportunities to develop skills needed to implement the program and support students with disabilities.

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

Access to accessible, human-narrated version of audiobooks for those with disabilities along with professional learning opportunities for educators teaching students with disabilities.

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

Florida public school students who struggle to read due to a disability or related condition. In 2020, the program served 101,032 students and 28,924 educators in 2,800 schools.

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

Through educator surveys we measure student growth in academic achievement, growth in independent reading and educational attainment.



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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?

The existing contract addresses penalties that would carry forward into any new agreement.

13. 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



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number