



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2484

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This funding will assist in providing over 51,000 elementary school students in Duval County, many from under-resourced urban areas, with book choice and ownership (3 free brand new books of their choice) along with parent and student resource guides to stimulate family literacy engagement and activities. This program is provided during the final quarter of the school year to prevent summer slide in literacy achievement.

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	255,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>255,000</b>

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)	255,000	26%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	255,000	26%
Other	465,000	48%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>975,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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.

We rely on private and corporate sponsorships as well as city and state funding to provide programming.

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



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

**11. 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: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The total amount will go toward purchasing books for the free book choice and ownership program.	255,000
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>255,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

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

Book Fairs will be provided to over 100 elementary schools in Duval County. Volunteers and READ USA Staff will manage the Book Fairs and will ensure each student receives 3 free brand new books from the book fair.

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

Three brand new books will be given to each of over 51,000 elementary school students in Duval County Public Schools.

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

Duval County Elementary School students. Over 51,000 will be served.

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

The outcome is "increased literacy exposure." McQuillan (2009) found that the number of books in the home strongly correlated with literacy achievement. However, 61% of low-income homes have zero (0) books in them (USDOE). So, we measure "literacy exposure" by the number of books the child owns at home. After one year of READ USA book choice and ownership program, each elementary student will increase their book ownership at home by 3 free books of their choosing. After 6 years (kindergarten to fifth grade), each elementary student will increase their book ownership at home by at least 18 free books.

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties**



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**for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?**

1) Each contract has financial penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures. 2) The agency (READ USA) would first be placed on corrective action and undergo additional monitoring. 3) Funding would then be moved to another provider. 4) Additional penalties would be determined depending on the circumstances.

**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