



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1265

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Since 2023 DOE has been required to have a system to track all school district bond debt, FS 1009.90(13). Over \$43 billion dollars have been raised by school districts using bond referendums. Prior to this system the state had little optics into the debt being incurred by districts until after the referendum was voted on and debt had been issued. The specific purpose is to have the legislature, OPB and DOE be able to know which districts are over leveraged before debt is issued as well as keep key language to ensure use of funds comply with the ballot language and purpose.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	670,223
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	670,223

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	670,223	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 2026-2027	670,223	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2025-26	0	670,223	106	No

9. Is future-year 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.

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)?

No

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.

N/A

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The funds are for a yearly subscription for the monitoring system and licenses for DOE, legislative staff and OPB. Continuation of the current contract at DOE. The System monitors all school board meetings in real time, providing near instant notification to key DOE, legislative and OPB personnel	670,223
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		670,223

13. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose is to have the legislature, OPB and DOE be able to know which districts are over leveraged before debt is issued as well as keep key language to ensure use of funds comply with the ballot language and purpose.

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



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Tracking of all school board meetings and school board proposed as well as issued debt in near real time. keep a data base of all school board debt, date of issuance, date of termination and total debt upon districts statewide as well as individual school district debt.

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

no direct services to citizens.

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

taxpayer protection by having state and DOE optics into district debt statewide. In past years the state has discovered school districts are over leveraged beyond state law limits, only after the bond had passed.

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

Reporting and notification of proposed school issued debt before issued. Proper use of funds from bonds. Oversight on school districts exceeding debt limits.

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 system has been in operation without issue for 5 years, however if the system were to stop working, stop paying per the existing contract

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#:

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



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- ☐ Yes, Received
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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) State Agency

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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