



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1338

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The SmartPass Unified Student ID Project is a forward-thinking initiative designed to modernize the Broward County Public Schools by introducing a singular, RFID-enabled identification badge for students that streamlines various school functions such as attendance, food service, and transportation. This project, requiring a funding appropriation of \$300,000, is structured to not only enhance the educational infrastructure but also to ensure heightened security and operational efficiency across the district's schools, affecting over 270,000 students.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	300,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	300,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	600,000	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? No

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?

Yes



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

\$950M used to mitigate the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic through learning loss-tutoring, summer programs, instructional material, and teachers; nursing services; HVAC - clean air; retain teachers and staff, COVID related medical claims & sick leave; technology-online instruction; and charter school initiatives.

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
 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?

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	We require \$300,000 for this project, allocated precisely as follows: Hardware: \$120,000 for RFID scanners, servers, and related equipment. Software: \$90,000 for development and licensing. Integration and Security: \$45,000 for robust system integration and security protocols. Training: \$30,000 for comprehensive staff training. Contingency: \$15,000 to ensure flexibility for unforeseen expenses.	300,000
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)		300,000

14. 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?

The SmartPass program will provide activities and services that include real-time student tracking during bus transit, attendance monitoring, student check-in/out management, and meal tracking. This suite of services is designed to ensure student safety, particularly during transportation, and to improve administrative efficiency across school operations.

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

The appropriation will directly provide citizens—specifically parents, students, and school administrators—with enhanced safety services. These include real-time monitoring of student locations as they board and exit buses, a unified system for tracking attendance and meal consumption, and streamlined communication for check-ins/outs, improving the overall safety and operational efficiency.

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

These funds will serve the more than 270,000 students and their families across Broward County Public Schools

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

The SmartPass program will track enhanced attendance rates, reduced transportation incidents, and quicker emergency responses, providing concrete data on improved safety and efficiency. The methodology for measuring these outcomes will likely involve tracking the reduction in incidents related to transportation, monitoring improvements in attendance and student accountability, and assessing the efficiency gains in administrative tasks. Data analytics provided by the project would be instrumental in quantifying these improvements.

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?

Future reduction of funding equivalent to the project funding amount.

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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity



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University or College

Other (please specify) School District

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