

# The Florida House of Representatives

## Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2021-22

For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: K-12 Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Early Notification Pilot Program
2. Date of Submission: 02/02/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Chris Latvala

#### 4. Details of Amount Requested:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2020-21 (If appropriated in 2020-21 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2021-22 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b>
Input Amounts:					2,000,000	2,000,000

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2021-22 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request	2,000,000	66.7%	N/A
2. Federal	0	0.0%	No
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local	1,000,000	33.3%	No

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5. Other	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	3,000,000	100%	

5. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Education

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

Cancellation of all payments.

7. Requester:

a. Name: Kimberly Bolz-Andolshek

b. Organization: Gaggle

c. Email: kim@gaggle.net

d. Phone #: (309)661-6866

8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

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b. Organization: Gaggle

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9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

a. Name: Christopher R. Moya

b. Firm: Dean Mead

c. Email: cmoya@deanmead.com

d. Phone #: (850)999-4100

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

a. Name: Department of Education

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b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Statewide

c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Statewide

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- ☐ For Profit  
☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)  
☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)  
☐ Local Government  
☐ University or College  
☒ Other (Please describe) State Agency

12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

This pilot program project uses a proven consumer off-the-shelf software application, which uses machine learning/ AI, as well as a two person human review process to identify indications of suicide, self-harm (increased by 47% for 2020), abuse, harassment, and acts of violence that are found within student-issued, school-provided creation and communication tools.

13. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		

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<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Annual Software as a service subscription	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?

☐ For Profit

☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)

☐ Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)

☐ State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)

☐ Other (Please describe)

15. Is the project request an information technology project?

Yes

a. Will this information technology project be managed within a state agency to support state agency program goals?

No

b. What is the total cost (all years) to design and build the project?

c. What are the ongoing (annual recurring) maintenance and operation costs once the project is completed?

2,000,000

d. Can the state agency fund the ongoing annual recurring costs within its current operating budget?

Yes

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e. What are the specific business objectives or needs the IT project is intended to address?

The goal of this mental health pilot initiative would be to protect Florida youth from suicide and self-harm. Suicide is the second-leading cause of death in the country for K-12 population.

f. Based upon the identified business objectives or needs, what are the success factors that must be realized in order for the state agency to consider the proposed IT project a success?

In the 48 states where the technology is being used, success factors would be early notification of self-harm, explicit content and violent incidents, leading to immediate interventions by appropriate school personnel. While the state has invested considerable money to keep children safe in the classroom, no investment has been made by the state to keep kids safe in the "digital classroom" they are now using. This technology would inform districts & staff to incidents prior to tragic events.

16. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

We have multiple superintendents who are currently using the product and have done video testimonials for the technology.

17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

No

18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

School districts participating in the pilot will have 24/7/365 analysis and review of student content in school-issued Google and Microsoft environments including creation tools, chats and emails. Due to covid in virtual environment, chat volume has increased 5,967% for fall 2020 semester. And incidents of suicide have risen by 47%.

b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

School districts as well as parents would be notified via the school personnel of explicit images their students may be storing and sharing on school accounts (68% increase in fall 2020 vs fall 2019). Districts would be notified of self harm or acts of violence prior to occurrence (47% increase fall 2020 vs fall 2019).

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c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups"). Select all that apply to the target population:

- ☐ Elderly persons
- ☐ Persons with poor mental health
- ☐ Persons with poor physical health
- ☐ Jobless persons
- ☐ Economically disadvantaged persons
- ☒ At-risk youth
- ☐ Homeless
- ☐ Developmentally disabled
- ☐ Physically disabled
- ☐ Drug users (in health services)
- ☐ Preschool students
- ☒ Grade school students
- ☒ High school students
- ☐ University/college students
- ☐ Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- ☐ Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- ☐ Victims of crime
- ☐ General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- ☐ < 25
- ☐ 25-50
- ☐ 51-100
- ☐ 101-200
- ☐ 201-400
- ☐ 401-800
- ☒ >800

19. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

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Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Early identification of mental health issues for students prior to incidentals	The number of incidents interrupted/avoided which are tracked via the technology
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Reducing the number of attempted suicide, acts of violence, etc. Prior to incident	The number of incidents interrupted/avoided which are tracked via the technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Early warnings of school violence is provided by the technology would reduce criminal acts. criminal acts.	The number of incidents interrupted/avoided which are tracked via the technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse	Technology captures indications of drug abuse.	The number of incidents interrupted/avoided which are tracked via the technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		