



# GRANT FUNDING NEWSLETTER

GRANT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Grant Development Process & How Grants Administration Department (GA) Can Help You



## Catch the Excitement!

"Thank you for your help and support with grants for Silver Lakes Middle School STEM Music Technology program this year." **Francisco Gonzalez, Teacher-Silver Lakes Middle School**

"This training was amazingly helpful! Probably one of the most useful trainings I have ever attended." **Anonymous, Workshop Participant**

"Thanks, I could not have done any of this without you." **Dr. LaShaun Willimas, Guidance Counselor - Attucks Middle School**

"Thank you for your assistance in getting needed materials for my classroom and my students. We appreciate all of you!" **Jessica Janeck, Teacher - Lyons Creek Middle School**

A copy of all grant applications to external agencies must be submitted to the Grants Administration (GA) Department as soon as possible to obtain School Board approval. Grant contracts and funds will not be awarded without Board approval. A copy may be submitted via e-mail to [grants@browardschools.com](mailto:grants@browardschools.com). All grant applications MUST support the District's Strategic Plan.

# Good News!

## FPL NextEra Energy Grant



Lauderdale Lakes Middle School, Dillard High 6-12, and FPL NextEra Staff

Lauderdale Lakes Middle School and Dillard High 6-12 have received **\$100,000** from **FPL NextEra Energy Foundation** for STEM Classroom Makeovers! Each school will use \$50,000 in grant funds to address needs in infrastructure, technology or resources to advance the STEM curriculum and increase exposure of STEM education and careers to students. Congratulations Jeana Louis, Magnet Coordinator at Lauderdale Lakes Middle School, and Jessica Swanson, Magnet Coordinator and Lily Goltz, Administrative Support Assistant at Dillard 6 -12 on your grant success.

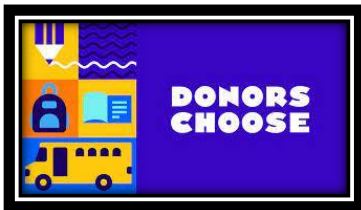
## FLDOE Awards Science of Reading Grant

The **Florida Department of Education** has awarded BCPS a competitive grant of **\$1,500,000** to build the knowledge and implementation of evidence-based practices to increase literacy outcomes for all children birth through grade 12. Grant funds will be used to implement a "Science of Reading Initiative" at high needs schools through which teachers and school-based staff will build skills to effectively use evidence-based practices to improve literacy outcomes and reduce the achievement gap. The goal of the grant is to ensure alignment of BCPS's literacy practices to the science of reading. Grant funds were secured through a collaborative effort between Head Start/Early Intervention, Elementary Learning, Secondary Learning, Bilingual/ESOL, Exceptional Student Education, Family and Community Engagement and Grants Administration teams.



## BCPS and DonorsChoose Continue District Partnership

**DonorsChoose** is an online giving platform where public school teachers create requests for classroom or program materials that can potentially be supported by individual donors or corporate sponsors. Since 2018, BPCS teachers have raised in-kind donations valued at **\$5,149,581** and completed over 10,397 projects from 31,550 donors on DonorsChoose. Remarkably, 23% of the funding was from out-of-state sources! These projects vary from educational resources to laptops and other tools to enhance the learning environment and support student success. Click [here](#) to learn how you can post a project to request funding or to find a project to fund.





## The Kemper Foundation Supports BCPS Dual Language Teachers

Our deepest appreciation to **The Kemper Foundation** that through their Read Conmigo program has awarded 19 BCPS K-5 Dual Language/Bilingual Education Teachers grants of \$3,000 each for a total of about **\$57,000** to support teacher-driven projects. Awards were granted to teachers from the following elementary schools: Riverglades, Sawgrass, Ramblewood, Manatee Bay, Westchester, and Eagle Point. Grant funds will be used for the purchase of educational resources, technology and materials, and professional development. Click [here](#) for additional information on The Kemper Foundation and the Read Conmigo program. Congratulations to all the teachers awarded!

## Student Scientists for Sea Turtle Conservation



**The Sea Turtle Grants Program**, funded by the sale of Florida's "Helping Sea Turtles Survive" specialty license plate, has awarded Nova Eisenhower Elementary School a grant of **\$3,000**. Grant funds will be used to provide students with materials and lessons within a Traveling Turtle Trunk to learn about sea turtles through experiential lessons. Student-led projects include utilizing quantitative measuring skills such as measuring, weighing and calculating numbers to predict population sizes of sea turtles and the use of qualitative skills by comparing sea turtle species through observing and describing specific animal conditions. Congratulations to Dr. Deborah Prochaska, Teacher – Nova Eisenhower Elementary for your grant success. Extra kudos for being the only school out of 29 organizations awarded!

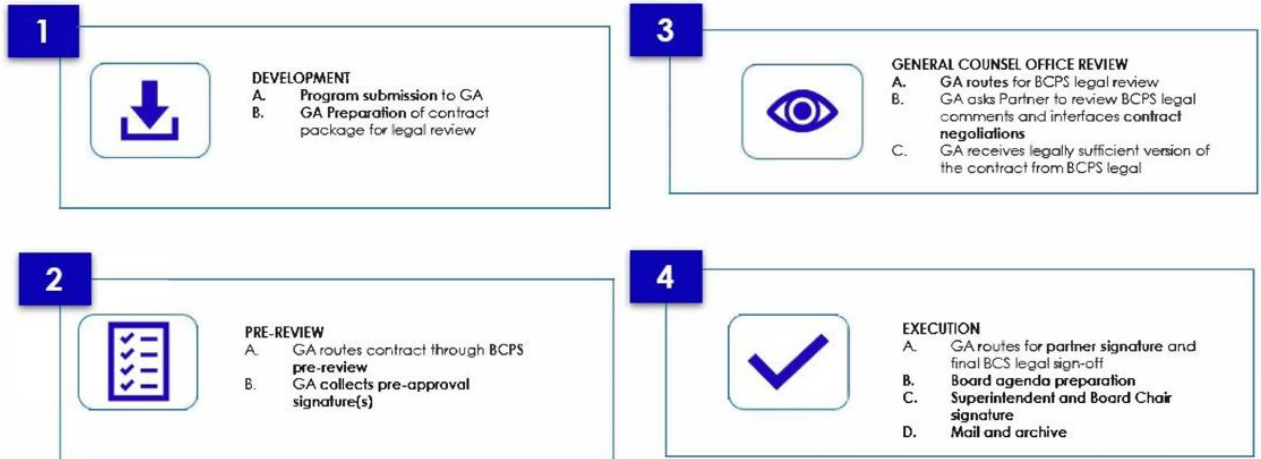


## BCPS Receives Continued ESSER Funding

BCPS has received a grant of **\$12,956,446** from the **Florida Department of Education** through the US Department of Education Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II Fund to provide evidence-based, comprehensive, summer enrichment and afterschool programs that address the academic and youth development needs of public-school students. The programs include whole group, small group, and/or one-on-one targeted instruction to provide immediate corrective feedback to remedy any deficiencies in the areas of literacy, science, mathematics, and/or other content areas as determined by student needs. Thank you Elementary and Secondary Learning staff for partnering with the Grants Administration team on the proposal.

# Grant Contract/Agreement Review and Approval Process

All grant contracts, agreements, terms of reference or other legal documents that require a signature from a BCPS authorized representative are **required** to go through the District's legal review, approval, and signature process. Please reach out to GA staff for support.



## Grant Opportunity Spotlight!

# TOSHIBA

**Toshiba America Foundation** accepts applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students. The foundation seeks to support teachers by providing funds to support classroom projects. Successful projects tap into the natural curiosity of students, enable students to frame their own scientific questions, and incorporate the expertise of community partners. Applications must be for project-based learning. Requests for grants

less than \$1,000 for kindergarten through grade 5 are due October 1, annually. Requests for grants less than \$5,000 for grade 6 through grade 12 are due March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1, annually. Requests for grants of more than \$5,000 for grade 6 through grade 12 are due May 1 and November 1, annually. Click [here](#) for additional details.

## BCPS Grant Writer in Action!



**Name:** Victoria Saldala

**Position:** Director, Bilingual/ESOL Department

**Years of service:** 34

**How many grants have you been awarded and what is the total dollar amount awarded?** I have had the honor of writing the Title III Grant for English Language Learners for approximately 15 years and the Immigrant Grant for 7 years. The combined total of those grants is over \$80 million dollars. I started writing grants as a classroom teacher and saw the difference it can make for students. I have also written grants in collaboration with colleagues which have totaled anywhere from \$5 to \$25 million dollars.

**Which grant-supported project is your favorite?** So many projects to pick from! If I had to narrow it to one project, it would be Rally to Tally for New Floridians. It impacts so many recently arrived immigrant students by providing them the opportunity to learn about our government while giving a voice to their ideas on how to better the community.

**What is your process for filling out a grant application?** I begin by identifying a team who can brainstorm ideas and be strategic about the projects we want to implement to support the grant requirements. We review data, survey stakeholders, draft the narrative and build a budget. It takes a few iterations before we finalize the grant.

**Do you have any grant writing tips?** If you want your grant to impact the audience it is intended for, then you have to truly believe and have a passion for the projects you are including in the grant. They have to be meaningful and relevant. Find a team who can help you write the grant and most importantly, help you implement and monitor.

## BCPS Grants in Action! – We Want to Hear From You!

Grants are a powerful tool to enhance teaching and learning throughout our District. Please take the opportunity to have your grants showcased in one of our upcoming newsletters by submitting your photos with the subject line Grants In Action and email your action photographs of activities associated with grant awards to [grants@browardschools.com](mailto:grants@browardschools.com). This is another opportunity to acknowledge our grant donors for their support and to showcase the innovative learning experiences developed by our school-based staff!

## Grant Writing Capacity Building and Proposal Development Workshops



**Summer Grant Writing Workshop:** GA staff offer capacity building workshops for teachers, parents and staff on grant writing; the elements of program development; and the joint identification of program funding needs and opportunities. Click [here](#) to express interest.

**Summer Teacher Grants Space:** Join BCPS teachers and GA staff to network and exchange program ideas; learn about upcoming grant opportunities; view sample proposals; find a quiet space to write proposals; and get real-time feedback and input on your proposals. Click [here](#) to express interest.

Please contact GA if you would like us to facilitate your next program planning meeting or to request a grant writing workshop for your school or Department.

## Grant Writing Resources

Overwhelmed with where to start? Click on one of these education grant search engines.



Click on the image above to visit the Grants Administration SharePoint site for additional information on grant writing resources such as: topic-specific grant lists, sample proposals, and much more.

## Tip for the Day: Grant Writing Glossary

- **501(c)(3)** is the section of the Internal Revenue Code that defines nonprofit, charitable, and tax-exempt organizations. BCPS can partner with The Broward Education Foundation (BEF) since public schools do not have 501(c)(3) status.
- **Audited Financial Statements** are annual financial statements that have been prepared and certified by a Certified Public Accountant.
- **Capacity Building Grants** help organizations increase their capacity to achieve their mission. This may include the funding of new staff positions and the costs of consulting to help the organization learn how to increase its fund-raising capacity and expand services.
- **Capital Grants** fund building renovations and similar activities, construction, or equipment.
- **Concept Paper** is a two- to three-page description of your organization and program. A concept paper often includes a need statement, project narrative, and budget.
- **Corporate Giving Programs** have very specific causes they will fund (the arts, environmental education, youth, health). Some companies have their own charitable giving department, while others have a separate foundation.
- **Direct Costs** are costs allowable by the funding organization and are directly tied to the operation of the project.
- **Eligibility Criteria** is usually available on a grant funder's website. Before spending a lot of time and effort on a grant proposal, thoroughly read whether your organization or program is eligible for funding.
- **Evaluation** is how the organization assesses whether their project made a measurable difference.
- **Form 990** is an IRS form that tax-exempt organizations are required to file annually for public record of financial information. Public schools are not required to have a Form 990.
- **General Support or Unrestricted Grants** are for general operating costs rather than specific projects.
- **Goals** are expressed as the overall vision of what you want your project to accomplish. Be careful about having too many goals because this could be viewed as either being too ambitious or too unfocused.
- **Indirect Costs/Indirect Cost Rate (Sometimes referred to as "overhead" or "Facilities and Administrative Costs")** are costs that support the management systems of the organization including public relations, accounting, payroll, marketing, registration, and records. Grant funders may or may not allow indirect costs.
- **In-Kind Contribution** is a noncash donation to a project.
- **Letter of Intent or Letter of Interest (LOI)** is a document that provides a brief description of the project or program for which funding is being requested.
- **Matching Funds** are cash or in-kind support contributed by the grantee to carry out a project. Some grant proposals require a match before funding a proposal.
- **Objectives** are what specifically will change, improve, decrease, or increase because of your project activities. Many grant writers use the SMART model: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-Bound.

\*Refer to [this](#) web page on GetEdFunding.com for original content and additional glossary terms.

## Tip for the Day: Grant Writing Glossary Continued

- **Request for Proposals (RFP) or Request for Applications (RFA)** is a type of solicitation notice in which a donor announces that grant funding is available and provides specifications required in the grant proposal/application.
- **Restricted Funds** are funds that must be spent for a specific purpose, as determined by the funder.
- **Unallowable Costs** are costs and categories of costs that cannot directly or indirectly be offset by grant money.
- **Unrestricted Funds** can be used for any purpose without any requirements or restrictions.

## NEW! Upcoming Grant Opportunities

- **Big Lots Foundation** supports projects that include healthcare, housing, hunger, and education, especially those serving women and children. Support is provided in the form of monetary gifts, gift cards, and merchandise in-kind. Please reach out to GA if you are planning to apply. **DEADLINE: July 1, 2023** | [Application](#)
- **The Wawa Foundation** provides financial grants of up to \$2,500 to organizations close to stores. **DEADLINE: July 1, 2023** | [Application](#)
- **Looking Out Foundation** funds disadvantaged youth, public health, women, the environment, the arts, the hungry and the homeless. The average grant is between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Please reach out to GA if you are planning to apply. **DEADLINE: August 1, 2023** | [Application](#)
- **Road Runners Club of America** gives grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 for youth running programs across the U.S. **DEADLINE: August 1, 2023** | [Application](#)
- **Florida Agriculture in the Classroom** supports general education and agri-science teachers in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade who want to use agricultural concepts to teach core subject areas. **DEADLINE: September 1, 2023** | [Application](#)
- **Toshiba Foundation** accepts applications for less than \$5,000 from 6 to 12 grade teachers for STEM programs. **DEADLINE: September 1, 2023** | [Application](#)
- **Intuitive Foundation FIRST Robotics** supports high school robotics teams with a focus on inspiring young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators. **DEADLINE: September 1, 2023** | [Application](#)
- **Jane Goodall Institute** offers mini grants of \$250 to organize and implement youth-led community action programs. Grants are intended to support youth leadership and service learning. Interested applicants must first become a member of the Roots and Shoots initiative; registration is free. **DEADLINE: September 2, 2023** | [Application](#)
- **Les Paul Foundation** funding consideration is given to programs and projects that encourage innovation in music production and/or performance and to innovative STEM or STEAM programs for students and others in challenging situations. Please reach out to GA if you are planning to apply. **DEADLINE: September 15, 2023** | [Application](#)
- **P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children's Education** is accepting grant applications from educators who need financial assistance to maintain or implement arts education programs in their schools. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded in support of new or evolving programs that integrate the arts into educational programming. **DEADLINE: September 30, 2023** | [Application](#)



## Rolling Deadlines

- **Target Gift Card Request** Our local stores care about the communities they serve. If your organization is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), accredited school or public agency, you may go to any Target stores to request a Target GiftCard donation. **Letters of inquiry are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation** grants support programs that enhance educational opportunities for youth. Priority is given to projects that increase literacy, teach life skills and encourage good citizenship. Grants range from \$2,500 to \$15,000. Applicants must be a 501c3 organization. Please contact the Grants Administration Department if you are interested in applying. **Letters of inquiry are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **Fruit Tree Planting Foundation** awards Fruit Tree 101 grants for edible fruit trees, planting resources and curriculum that support “outdoor edible classrooms.” Schools must accommodate at least 20 trees. **DEADLINE: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **American Association of Physics Teachers** sponsors several grant opportunities for educators and a scholarship for an aspiring physics teacher. **DEADLINE: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **IGT After School Advantage Program** provides grants to close the Digital Divide for disadvantaged children who get left behind because they do not have the means to access computers in today’s increasingly digital society. Reach out to GA staff if interested in applying. **DEADLINE: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **Broward County Farm Bureau** provides grants to help schools teach the basic principles of agriculture required by Florida Statutes. **DEADLINE: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **ALDI Smart Kids Program** provides funding and gift cards to organizations that promote kids being active and healthy. Grants are between \$100–\$5,000. **DEADLINE: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)
- **Publix Charities** supports programs focused on youth, education, reducing hunger, and alleviating homelessness. **DEADLINE: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis** | [Application](#)

## First Quarter Grant Activity

The Grants Administration Department would like to congratulate all teachers and school staff, and District department staff that have received awards in the 1st quarter (January 1 through March 31, 2023) of the calendar year. If you received a grant award and it is not listed here, please contact the Grants Administration Department at 754-321-2260.

SCHOOL GRANTS AWARDED			
Grant Program	Funding Source	Amount	Location
DonorsChoose.Org (In-Kind Donation)	DonorsChoose	\$ 114,827.00	Various Schools
FPL - Nextera Energy Foundation – STEM Grant	FPL- Nextera Energy Foundation	\$ 50,000.00	Lauderdale Lakes Middle School
FPL - Nextera Energy Foundation – STEM Grant	FPL- Nextera Energy Foundation	\$ 50,000.00	Dillard 6-12
Heart of America Makerspace Project (In-Kind Donation)	Heart of America Makerspace Project	\$ 50,000.00	Plantation Middle School
Project Lead the Way	Project Lead the Way	\$ 15,000.00	Forest Glen Middle School
Home Depot Foundation Grant (In-Kind Donation)	Home Depot Foundation Grant	\$ 13,875.34	Monarch High School
Wells Fargo – Florida Financial Literacy Initiative	Wells Fargo through the Florida Literacy Coalition	\$ 5,000.00	Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School (ATC)
ORC Family Foundation, Inc.	ORC Family Foundation, Inc.	\$ 5,000.00	Mary M. Bethune Elementary School
ORC Family Foundation, Inc.	ORC Family Foundation, Inc.	\$ 5,000.00	Collins Elementary School
Templeton Big Questions Grant- John Templeton Foundation	The John Templeton Foundation through the National Forensic League – National Speech & Debate Association	\$ 1,000.00	Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School
Dharma Into Action Foundation	Dharma Into Action Foundation, Inc	\$ 1,000.00	Cypress Bay High School

# First Quarter Grant Activity Continued

## SCHOOL GRANTS AWARDED

Grant Program	Funding Source	Amount	Location
KidsGardening.org – Budding Botanist	KidsGardening.org	\$ 1,000.00	Coconut Creek Elementary School
The Peter P. Marsh Foundation	The Peter P. Marsh Foundation	\$ 1,000.00	New Renaissance Middle School
Walmart Community Grant	Walmart	\$ 1,000.00	Castle Hill Elementary School
National Youth Leadership Council - Project Ignition Grant	National Youth Leadership Council	\$ 1,000.00	Hollywood Hills High School
ALDI Cares Community Grant	ALDI	\$ 750.00	Hollywood Hills High School
Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden	Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden	\$ 500.00	Sheridan Hills Elementary School
Walmart Community Grant	Walmart	\$ 500.00	Nova Middle School
Walmart Community Grant	Walmart	\$ 500.00	Hollywood Hills High School
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)	American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)	\$ 500.00	Apollo Middle School
Florida Association of Science Teachers (FAST)	Florida Association of Science Teachers (FAST)	\$ 500.00	Cypress Bay High School
New York Life Foundation - Grief-Sensitive School Program	New York Life Foundation	\$ 500.00	Charles Drew Elementary School
New York Life Foundation - Grief-Sensitive School Program	New York Life Foundation	\$ 500.00	Henry D. Perry Education Center
New York Life Foundation - Grief-Sensitive School Program	New York Life Foundation	\$ 500.00	Pasadena Lakes Elementary School
Broward County Farm Bureau School Garden Award	Broward County Farm Bureau	\$ 250.00	Collins Elementary School
Broward County Farm Bureau School Garden Award	Broward County Farm Bureau	\$ 250.00	Ramblewood Middle School
Blackbaud Giving Fund	Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$ 65.00	Fox Trail Elementary School
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 320,017.34</b>	

## SCHOOL GRANTS REQUESTED

Grant Program	Funding Source	Amount	Location
Road to Zero Community Traffic Safety Grants	American Rescue Plan Act through the Broward County Early Learning Coalition	\$ 56,371.00	Gulfstream Early Learning Center
Safety Grant	National Safety Council	\$ 50,000.00	Hollywood Hills High School
Community Grant	City of Hollywood – General Fund Social Service Agency Grant	\$ 10,000.00	South Broward High School
Library Grant	Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries	\$ 5,000.00	Fairway Elementary School
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Community Grant	Walmart Community Grant	\$ 3,500.00	Attucks Middle School
Community Grant	Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale through Broward Education Foundation	\$ 1,800.00	Dillard High 6-12
Innovative Teacher Grant - Broward Education Foundation Teacher Grant	Broward Education Foundation (BEF)	\$ 1,200.00	Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School
Innovative Teacher Grant - Broward Education Foundation Teacher Grant	Broward Education Foundation (BEF)	\$ 1,200.00	Charles Drew Elementary School
Innovative Teacher Grant - Broward Education Foundation Teacher Grant	Broward Education Foundation (BEF)	\$ 1,200.00	Coconut Creek High School
Innovative Teacher Grant - Broward Education Foundation Teacher Grant	Broward Education Foundation (BEF)	\$ 1,200.00	Cypress Run Education Center
Innovative Teacher Grant - Broward Education Foundation Teacher Grant	Broward Education Foundation (BEF)	\$ 1,200.00	Nova Middle School
Innovative Teacher Grant - Broward Education Foundation Teacher Grant	Broward Education Foundation (BEF)	\$ 1,200.00	South Broward High School
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 138,871.00</b>	

## DISTRICT GRANTS AWARDED

Grant Program	Funding Source	Amount	Location
ESSER II Supplemental Programming	Florida Department of Education	\$ 12,956,445.05	Elementary Learning & Secondary Learning
Broward County Family Counseling Program (Period 2)	Broward County Board of County Commissioners	\$ 1,654,232.00	Student Services
Florida Department of Education – Computer Science Certification (TAPS 23A140)	Florida Department of Education	\$ 827,711.00	Applied Learning Department
Computer Science Teacher Bonuses (TAPS23A061)	Florida Department of Education	\$ 59,735.00	Applied Learning Department
College Board	College Board	\$ 8,400.00	Secondary Learning Department
AAA Florida Traffic Safety Grant	AAA Foundation	\$ 6,000.00	Applied Learning Department
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 15,512,523.05</b>	

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Grant Program	Funding Source	Amount	Location
Safety and Security of School Buildings "School Hardening" Grant	Florida Department of Education	\$ 1,793,876.00	Safety, Security & Emergency Preparedness/ Information Technology Division
Florida Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD)	Florida Department of Education	\$ 1,500,000.00	Elementary Learning, Secondary Learning, Head Start/Early Intervention Departments
Accelerate Call to Action Innovation Grant	Accelerate	\$ 150,000.00	Elementary Learning Department
Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Grant	Florida Digital Services	Varied in-kind services	Information and Technology Security
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 3,293,876.00</b>	

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