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For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Muzology

2. Date of Submission: <u>11/01/2021</u>3. House Member Sponsor: <u>Chris Latvala</u>

4. Details of Amount Requested:

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? <u>No</u>

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 2021-22 (If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.) | | | (Requests | Develop New Funds Rec for FY 2022-23 for additional RECURRING fu | |
|----------------|--|--------------|--------------|----------------|--|-------------------------|
| Column: | А | В | С | D | E | F |
| Funds | Prior Year | Prior Year | Total Funds | Recurring Base | Additional Nonrecurring | TOTAL Nonrecurring plus |
| Description: | Recurring Funds | Nonrecurring | Appropriated | Budget | Request | Recurring Base Funds |
| | | Funds | | | | |
| Input Amounts: | | | | | 960,000 | 960,000 |

e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2022-23 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 | 960,000 | 100.0% | 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 | 0 | 0.0% | No |

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| 5. Other | 0 | 0.0% | No |
|----------|---------|------|----|
| TOTAL | 960,000 | 100% | |

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

<u>No</u>

- 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.

Repayment of funds

- 7. Requester:
 - a. Name: <u>Allison Holder</u>b. Organization: <u>Muzology</u>
 - c. Email: allison@muzology.com
 - d. Phone #: <u>(615)212-5134</u>
- 8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.
 - a. Name: <u>Allison Holder</u>b. Organization: Muzology
 - c. Email: allison@muzology.com
 - d. Phone #: (615)212-5134
- 9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.
 - a. Name: Edward P. Briggs
 - b. Firm: RSA Consulting Group LLC
 - c. Email: edward@rsaconsultingllc.com
 - d. Phone #: (850)933-5994
- 10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:
 - a. Name: Muzology

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- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Hillsborough
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): <u>Brevard, Duval, Escambia, Hernando, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Nassau, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk</u>
- 11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?
 For Profit
 Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 O Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - O Local Government
 O University or College
 - O Other (Please describe)
 - O Other (Please describe)
- 12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

Goal: Improve math learning, engagement, and achievement among middle school students and rapidly fill in learning gaps due to the pandemic. Muzology is a nationally-recognized learning platform that teaches math through the power of music. Muzology uses instructional math music videos (mapped to FL standards) to make learning math fun, engaging and effective for students of ALL levels of proficiency. Muzology is SEL-aligned and a proven evidence-based solution for math learning and recovery.

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: | | |
| ☐a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | | |
| ☐b. Other Salary and Benefits | | |
| □c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | |
| ☐d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| Operational Costs: | | |

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| ☐e. Salaries and Benefits | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|
| ☑f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | One Year Platform Subscription | 960,000 |
| | (including summer) for | |
| | approximately 240,000 students | |
| | at \$4.00/student (includes 24-7 | |
| | platform access to Muzology on | |
| | any internet connected device | |
| | PLUS free teacher accounts, | |
| | professional development, | |
| | teacher training and support, | |
| | platform set up, maintenance and | |
| | technical support). | |
| ☐g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| □h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | |
| TOTAL | | 960,000 |

| 14. | For Fixed Capi | tal Costs reques | sted in Question | 13, what type o | of ownership wil | Il the facility be | under when com | plete |
|-----|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------|
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- **OFor Profit**
- ONon Profit 501(c) (3)
- ONon Profit 501(c) (4)
- OLocal Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- OState agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
 - OOther (Please describe)
- ${\bf 15.} \ \ \hbox{Is the project request an information technology project?}$

<u>No</u>

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| 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 | |
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| a. Please Describe: Over several school years, including the pandemic, thousands of students and educators throughout Florida successfully used Muzology to improve learning outcomes and engagement. Numerous educators, administrators, and districts have shown support for Muzology and an ongoing desire to Muzology. Florida students report Muzology makes math fun & helped them go from Cs, Ds, and Fsto As and Bs! | |
| 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? FULL access to Muzology's award-winning, digital math platform. Access is 24-7 on any internet connected device. Muzology uses instructional ma music videos and associated formative assessments to make math relevant and engaging for ALL students. Muzology is a supplemental learning too that is mapped to FL standards and evidence-based, SEL-aligned and ESSER-aligned. | |
| b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested. Muzology's learning platform (containing instructional math music videos and formative assessments, plus assignment features and student/teach analytics) will be provided to approximately 240,000 Florida middle school students across 11 counties. Includes ongoing professional development training, and support to ensure seamless and effective implementation plus technical support. | |
| 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

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| | ☑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? |
| | O< 25 |
| | O25-50 |
| | O51-100 |
| | O101-200 |
| | O201-400 |
| | O401-800 |
| | ⊙ >800 |
| | |

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

| Benefit or Outcome | Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome | Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| □Improve physical health | | |
| ☑Improve mental health | Muzology helps students achieve | In-platform formative math |
| | at one of their most challenging | assessments, in-platform |
| | subjects—math. Middle school | engagement metrics, class math |
| | math is where proficiency drops | grades, class attendance, |

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| | considerably and when girls and | measures of class behavior issues, |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | minority students underperform. | state testing scores, teacher |
| | Furthermore, struggling with | reports, student self-reports, and |
| | math leads to anxiety and low | qualitative assessments of math |
| | self-esteem. Muzology makes | enjoyment, confidence, and self- |
| | math fun and accessible, | efficacy. |
| | decreases student anxiety/math- | · |
| | phobia and increases self- | |
| | confidence. | |
| | | |
| ☑Enrich cultural experience | Muzology's instructional math | In-platform engagement metrics, |
| | much videos feature a diverse | class attendance, measures of |
| | group of talent. This helps | class behavior issues, teacher |
| | students across racial/ethnic | reports, student self-reports, and |
| | backgrounds feel included and | qualitative assessments of math |
| | helps them see people who look | enjoyment, confidence, and self- |
| | like them excited about math. | efficacy. |
| □Improve agricultural production/promotion/education | | |
| ☑Improve quality of education | Muzology's evidence-based | In-platform engagement metrics, |
| | platform has been demonstrated | class attendance, measures of |
| | over a series of studies to improve | class behavior issues, teacher |
| | student math outcomes as well as | reports, student self-reports, and |
| | enjoyment of math. Students go | qualitative assessments of math |
| | from failing to passing quizzese in | enjoyment, confidence, and self- |
| | a single session on Muzology and | efficacy. |
| | show sustained learning. Students | |
| | explain that Muzology makes | |
| | challenging math topics easy to | |
| | understand and helps them "get" | |
| | | |

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| | math in a way they never have before. | |
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| □Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality | | |
| ☑Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.) | Students who cannot pass algebra show increased likelihood of dropping out of high school. High school dropouts are more likely than their peers who finished high school to wind up incarcerated. As such, providing students with the grounding in math needed to pass algebra and graduate from high school has direct public health and safety implications. | In-platform engagement metrics, class attendance, measures of class behavior issues, teacher reports, student self-reports, and qualitative assessments of math enjoyment, confidence, and self-efficacy. |
| □Improve transportation conditions | | |
| ☑Increase or improve economic activity | The US Department of Education characterizes math skills, and in particular Algebra, as the gateway to future success. Math proficiency is critical to college readiness and career/vocational-readiness, especially in the exploding STEM sector. Deloitte reported math-based economic activity adds over \$300 BILLION annually to the UK economy. FLORIDA's population is just | Prospective high school graduation rates and college enrollment. |

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| | under a third of the UK's. | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| □Increase tourism | | |
| ☑Create specific immediate job opportunities | In the near-term, ensuring a | Prospective high school |
| | generation of mathematically | graduation rates, percentage of |
| | literate students leads to massive | successful internships among |
| | increases in job opportunities for | students, and college enrollment. |
| | FLORIDA students as well as | |
| | making FLORIDA an attractive | |
| | state for companies needing to | |
| | hire a mathematically literate | |
| | workforce. | |
| ☑Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency | Not closing the achievement gap | Prospective high school |
| | between white and minority | graduation rates and college |
| | students, over the past decade, | enrollment among low-income |
| | led to a \$426-\$705 BILLION dollar | and minority students. |
| | LOSS to the US GDP in 2019 | |
| | (McKinsey & Company). | |
| | Correlations between math | |
| | proficiency and college/career | |
| | success are so strong, they've | |
| | become a dividing line between | |
| | advantaged and disadvantaged | |
| | youth. Muzology levels the | |
| | playing field for low-income and | |
| | minority students. | |
| ☐Reduce recidivism | | |

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| ☑Reduce substance abuse | Illicit drug use among high school | Prospective high school |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | dropouts is almost two times as | graduation rates and college |
| | high than that of students who | enrollment. |
| | graduate from high school. Given | |
| | that algebra-readiness is directly | |
| | linked to high school graduation, | |
| | getting students proficient in this | |
| | subject increases the likelihood | |
| | that students complete high | |
| | school and decrease the | |
| | likelihood that they abuse drugs | |
| | and alcohol. | |
| | | |
| ☑Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system | Students who cannot pass algebra | Drop-out rates and juvenile |
| | show increased likelihood of | justice system enrollment. |
| | dropping out of high school. High | |
| | School drop outs are more likely | |
| | than their peers who finished high | |
| | school to wind up in the criminal | |
| | justice system. | |
| ☐ Improve wastewater management | | |
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| □Improve stormwater management | | |
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| ☐Improve groundwater quality | | |
| ☐ Improve drinking water quality | | |
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| ☐Improve surface water quality | | |
| □Other (Please describe): | | |
| Lottler (Fredde describe). | | |

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