



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1822

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To meet PSTA's goal of 100% electrification of its fleet, PSTA is looking to complete this electric vehicle charging infrastructure project. The project includes design and installation of electrical infrastructure necessary at the PSTA facility to connect new charging equipment.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	10%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	8,564,000	55%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,436,000	35%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>15,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.  
PSTA received \$98,382,233 in COVID assistance funds (CARES, CRRSSA, ARP).  
The funds were spent on labor, preventative maintenance, ADA paratransit, and other operational expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.  
No funds were used toward the purchase or installation of electric chargers.

## 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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

8/1/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

4/1/2025

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.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority – owns the depot where these chargers will be installed.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Electric vehicle charging design, infrastructure, equipment, and installation.	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

To meet PSTA's goal of 100% electrification of its fleet, PSTA is looking to complete this electric vehicle charging infrastructure project. The project includes design and installation of electrical infrastructure necessary at the PSTA facility to connect new charging equipment. This will allow PSTA to achieve its goal to operate an additional 60 electric buses in the next three years, maximizing the funding from the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund.



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

The funds will allow PSTA to charge the growing fleet of electric buses. Electric buses will be able to operate in more areas throughout the county.

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

PSTA will operate new electric vehicles on PSTA bus routes, reducing environmental impacts from greenhouse gas emissions and criteria air pollutants, especially in Pinellas County Environmental Justice (EJ) areas.

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

New EV charging equipment benefits PSTA riders and Pinellas County residents, all of whom benefit from reduced emissions. PSTA expects to operate the 60 new electric vehicles on most routes. Approximately 594,400 people live within ¼ mile of PSTA bus routes.

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

This project will have environmental benefits of reduced greenhouse gas and criteria air pollutant emissions. PSTA can measure the impact of this project by tracking the reduced emissions from buses that are able to utilize this new depot charging infrastructure.

The project also improves transportation conditions and enhances the transit system's ability put new and reliable electric buses on PSTA routes.

**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?**

Repayment of funds.

**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
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)



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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