



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1129

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Heart of Florida United Way intends to retrofit a bus that will mobilize services for ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households related to health, financial stability, and education for low-income communities in the counties of Orange, Osceola and Seminole. By mobilizing access to technology, HFUW will provide residents with the opportunity to cultivate essential digital skills, access educational resources, employment opportunities, and other critical social services.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	750,400
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,400</b>

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)	750,400	91%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	75,000	9%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>825,400</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?



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

## 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)?

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
<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	Mobile Bus Driver/IT Professional Salary plus Benefits; Benefits is 40% of the salary which includes healthcare, PEO and 401k.	60,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase of a coach bus, bus retrofitting, advanced air conditioning for the bus. 25 laptop computers , 25 computer mice , 10 computer chairs , 25 Endpoint Security Software Licenses, Imaging Software, 25 Adobe Suite Licenses , Domain Name License , 4500 Remote Electric Generator, Back-Up Battery for Bus , Insurance.	660,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Computer set up and configuration, Bus storage and security , yearly bus maintenance	30,400
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,400</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Access to reliable technology is a basic need and many in our community are left behind without the same opportunities as others. We will bridge the digital divide with a mobile computer bus that will foster greater digital equity and inclusion throughout our community. The following strategies will promote digital equity and inclusion: access, devices, and computer skills.

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

The mobile computer bus will allow citizens to increase their computer literacy, access free tax preparation services, access telehealth services, and access banking services. The mobile computer bus will also provide skills-based training with a focus on STEM to youth.

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

Financial digital education for adults and seniors, workshops that expose youth to STEM related-career paths, learning workshops for individuals to strengthen their digital skills to seek and secure employment using an online accredited curriculum, free tax preparation and banking services, and provide easier access to 211 and to immediate resources with community partners.

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

Once the retrofitting is completed, we expect to serve 400 to 800 underserved individuals, in year one. As this will be an ongoing program of Heart of Florida United Way, the number served will more than double in the subsequent year.

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

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**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?**

Heart of Florida United Way will create and implement an action plan describing the steps we will take that will ensure HFUW meets deliverables and performance measures.

**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)



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- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

**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**