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## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Rales Rides - Senior Transportation

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kevin Rader

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/11/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

In June 2015, JFS implemented Rales Rides, a program to provide seniors with transportation to and from the Weisman Delray Community Center (Weisman Center). Rales Rides began with a grant from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and matching donor funds which enabled us to purchase two 14-passenger wheelchair accessible buses. The buses run weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Passengers are picked up at their door. Rales Rides is a free service that enables frail, disabled, low-income seniors to access numerous programs at one location. In addition to a variety of classes and social activities, seniors can access the full scope of JFS services including counseling, case management, food, financial assistance, and volunteer opportunities. Over the last 2 years, ridership has grown by over 25%. JFS is seeking State funding to purchase an additional vehicle and for operational support.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Elder Affairs

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
179,520		179,520

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	60,000	25.1%
TOTAL	60,000	25.1 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 239,520

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18		
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

### 10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

### 11. Program Performance:

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

The purpose of Rales Rides senior transportation is to enable seniors to age in their homes through providing access to meaningful social, cultural, and educational opportunities that improve their overall health and wellbeing, and to enable seniors to access vital JFS social services.

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

Rales Rides provides free door-to-door transportation to and from the Weisman Delray Community Center for seniors who have disabilities, limited mobility, or no access to other means of transportation.

#### c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Allocated Admin/Manager Staff	4,250
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	Support Staff	1,200
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Misc Office Supplies	500



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<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	3.5 Drivers	90,070
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance, Repairs, Fuel, Depreciation, purchase new bus	83,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		179,520

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Rales Rides is a free transportation service that enables frail, disabled, low-income seniors to access numerous programs at one location; the Weisman Delray Community Center. In addition to a variety of classes and socialization activities, seniors can access the full scope of JFS services on-site including counseling, case management, support groups, food (JFS food pantry packages can be picked up at the center), financial assistance, and volunteer opportunities. An appropriation will enable JFS to provide transportation to seniors who we are currently unable to serve, due to having only 2 vehicles, 1 full-time and 1 part-time driver.

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

The seniors ages 60 - 100 years old living in West Delray Beach, West Boca Raton, and South Boynton Beach. 9,500 rides will be provided

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

The overriding goal of the Rales Rides transportation program enable seniors to age in place and provide safe transportation for seniors.

**g. 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 in the contract?**

None.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

N/A



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### 13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services
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### 14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services
- b. **County:** Palm Beach
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Danielle Hartman
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### 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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