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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Competitive Grant Program for Community Transportation

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Keith Perry

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/12/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Competitive Grant Program for Community Transportation will provide rural local transportation coordinators and programs with funds on a competitive basis to implement innovative solutions to mobility problems faced by citizens of Florida living in rural areas who are considered "transportation disadvantaged" due to income, disability, lack of transportation options, etc.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Transportation

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
1,750,000		1,750,000

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	175,000	10.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	175,000	10.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 1,750,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 2

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No

e. Complete the following Worksheet.



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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:		1,750,000	1,750,000

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

Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

\$1,750,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Since the advent of Medicaid managed care, it has become even more difficult for rural community transportation coordinators to provide accessible transportation to non-Medicaid transportation disadvantaged citizens. These grant dollars are to be used for innovative projects designed to promote access for persons with disabilities, older adults, and people with low income to health care, employment, education and other life-sustaining activities. A 10% local match is required for the grants.

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

Competitive Grants will be awarded to non-urbanized community transportation coordinators who submit responsive grant applications to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Utilization of the funds will depend on the grant applications that receive awards.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Competitive Grants will be awarded to non-urbanized community transportation coordinators who submit responsive grant applications to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Utilization of the funds will depend on the grant applications that receive awards.	1,750,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		1,750,000

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

Since the funding is for a competitive grant program, the specific types of activities and services are unknown at this time. However, all activities and services would be geared towards increasing transportation access to the transportation disadvantaged population.

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

The target population is the transportation disadvantaged population residing within the rural areas of the state. It is unknown how many individuals will be served as it is dependent on the grant winners.

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

This funding is for the third year of the grant program, and the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged has created a deliverables and penalties guide as part of the grant program. Ultimately, the benefit provided by these grants will be to increase access to transportation for the transportation disadvantaged population residing within the rural areas of the state. Utilizers of the innovative transportation disadvantaged grant initiatives would see increased transportation options in rural communities, which are currently inadequate in



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much of rural Florida, especially for the transportation disadvantaged. This would result in increased access to health care, employment, education, shopping and other life-sustaining activities which they otherwise would not have access to.

- 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?**

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- 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.**

None

- 13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- 14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. Organization:** Community Transportation Coordinators in non-urbanized areas of Florida
- b. County:** Statewide
- c. Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
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- 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

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