



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1110

1. **Title of Project:** Older Blind Services

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/17/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

In FY 2017, a total of 1,777 older blind were served by ASB agencies. We propose to serve 2,000 in 2019. ASB members will serve an additional 223 clients from the waiting list.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,187,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,187,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,187,000	18.24%
Federal	3,661,791	56.25%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	1,660,570	25.51%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>6,509,361</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19	3,661,791		50	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$1,187,000.

10. **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		



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Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Professional salaries and benefits for service providers at 17 locations throughout Florida	1,187,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,187,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

With an additional \$1,187,000 in new money, FAASB members will reduce the waiting list for services to Seniors. In FY 2017, a total of 1,777 older blind were served by ASB agencies. We propose to serve 2,000 in 2019. ASB members will serve an additional 223 clients from the waiting list. ASB also may provide supplemental services to fill the gaps in some counties to ensure underserved people are getting all the services they need. The rate of service will move from \$2,100 to \$2,550 per client. Again the request is for additional funds in order not to jeopardize federal funds match.

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

Older blind and low vision individuals will learn safe travel skills for indoors and outdoors (fall prevention), improve nutrition and safety preparing meals, manage medications, use technology to access information and improve social interactions (use of computers for internet and email, smart phones, talking books), use low vision devices (magnification systems for reading, finding items in grocery stores, paying bills, watching television and movies), take care of personal needs (grooming, laundry), engage in recreational interests and community activities. The goal is to age-in place, in their own homes or to live in the least restrictive community residential program.

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

Instruction to individuals age 55 and older who are blind or visually impaired by nationally certified professionals in safety skills for walking, meal preparation, medication management, bill paying and money management, nutrition, technology, use of low vision aids, and recreational pursuits.

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

2,000 individuals age 55 or older who are blind or visually impaired. (see section b. above)

**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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Improvement in skills needed to maintain oneself in one's own home as measured by pre- and post-assessments of 11 specific skills pertaining to independent living: personal and home mgmt.; assistive technology; communication skills; community integration; personal adjustment to blindness counseling; information and referral; low vision training; orientation and mobility training; purchase of aids and appliances; recreation and leisure activities training; self-advocacy training.

**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 in the contract?**

Failure to meet deliverables results in reduction of monthly payment on contract. There have been no instances of failing to meet contractual deliverables of measures.

**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

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Florida Agencies Serving the Blind a/k/a FAASB
- b. **County:** Statewide
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
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  - Other (Please specify)
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