



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2996

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The goal of this project will be to enhance access to public transit options in Pinellas County for two Priority Disadvantaged Populations. Priority Disadvantaged Populations for this project are veterans and low-income workers (those who need rides to or from life-sustaining trips when PSTA is not operating at night).

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	11%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	8,500,000	89%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	9,500,000	100%

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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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.

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cost of fixed-route fares for veterans and TD Late Shift costs.	1,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

The goal of this project will be to enhance access to public transit options in Pinellas County for two Priority Disadvantaged Populations. Priority Disadvantaged Populations for this project are veterans and low-income workers (those who need rides to or from life-sustaining trips when most PSTA routes are not operating).

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



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The funds will be used to allow veterans to ride PSTA routes fare free and continue funding for the Transportation Disadvantaged late shift program.

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

The Transportation Disadvantaged late shift program will allow riders who are already TD eligible to obtain rides outside of normal service hours. The Veteran Pass program will allow all eligible veterans to ride PSTA's fixed-route services for free; veterans would need to go to a customer service center once a month to get a new free monthly bus pass.

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

The target populations are two Priority Disadvantaged Populations: 3rd shift workers in the TD program and veterans of the US military. There are approximately 76k eligible Pinellas County residents who are eligible for these programs.

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

This project is expected to improve transportation conditions and increase economic activity for veterans and low-income workers in the TD Late Shift program. PSTA will track the number of transit passes disseminated to veterans over the course of a year through electronic fare systems to ensure accuracy. The increase in passes disseminated will reflect increased usage in the system from veterans. PSTA will also track the number of registered users of TD late shift; registered users will correlate to a more accessible system to help 3rd shift workers travel to or from work. PSTA will track the transit fares and average trip payments that veterans and TD late shift riders, respectively, would have had to pay if they were not enrolled in these PSTA programs. This will allow PSTA to assess how much money program enrollees have saved on transportation costs.

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