



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2842

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds are requested to provide much needed renovations, upgrades, and concessions to the transit system facility in Nassau County. Nassau County Council on Aging, Inc., operates NassauTRANSIT, the only Florida designated public transit system in Nassau County. The renovation project includes: creating training stations for drivers and dispatchers (staff of 27) including space for safety meetings, CPR/first aid classes, training and retraining courses, converting an existing bus wash station on the property to a garage repair shop for small bus repairs and routine maintenance, bathroom and plumbing upgrades for the growing number of drivers and office personnel, adequate storage for bus and bus operator supplies, as well as additional space to store administrative materials and records required by the Department of Transportation, and lighting and camera security system upgrades to protect vehicles when not in operation (catalytic converters have been stolen in the recent past).

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	725,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>725,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	725,000	96%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	30,000	4%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>755,000</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.



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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.

Federal funding assistance (operating costs only, NOT CAPITAL):  
In 2020, CARES \$1,523,665.00  
In 2022, CRRSSA \$1,778,030.00

## 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

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Architectural design services, etc.. Renovations, upgrades and concessions to the transit system facility. in Nassau County	725,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>725,000</b>

14. Program Performance

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



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To become more self sufficient with maintenance program requirements imposed by the Florida Department of Transportation and lower costly repair bills and long wait times when working with local garages. To provide adequate space to accommodate growing staff numbers. To renovate existing transit agency interior space to provide better facilities for training and administrative functions which will in turn promote a higher level of service to Florida residents.

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

Fleet vehicle inspections and light maintenance. Dedicated office space for transportation manager to better support the needs of vehicle operators and daily operations, Training area for bus operators and staff to allow more regular on-site education opportunities such as recurrent CPR training, better access to the latest safety, customer service, and recurrent computer based and trainer run courses. Adequate storage for supplies, records, and administrative materials. The goal of renovating the transportation system's facility and bus wash station is to provide a better public transit system experience to Nassau County.

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

Nassau County Council on Aging, Inc., will provide more reliable, timely and safer public transportation in Nassau County with the help of the appropriation project.

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

Nassau County Council on Aging, Inc., is the community transportation coordinator for Nassau County designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (within the Florida Department of Transportation). NCCOA operates NassauTRANSIT. The target population is the general public including seniors, disabled residents, the economically challenged, and children at risk. More than 1,500 individual Florida residents will be served by this project every year.

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

The expected outcome of the renovation is to lower costs for vehicle maintenance to save tax payers money. Access to an onsite garage will shorten wait time when the vehicles are not on the road serving the public because they are waiting to be serviced at busy local garages. NassauTRANSIT's reliability and ability to help more community members will be increased with better access to quality maintenance. Enhanced training facilities will promote access to the latest training opportunities and improve driver safety performance.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

**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



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- ☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- ☐ 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