



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3643

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project seeks to enhance the independence and economic prospects of disabled veterans and individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities by providing accessible transportation for work, education, shopping, and community engagement. This initiative promotes their economic contributions and active participation in society. Services include precise pick-up and drop-off times, along with app notifications, reducing wait times. Safety is a priority with a stringent driver onboarding process, including Level 2 background checks. The mobile platform allows guardians to monitor scheduled and real-time trip progress, ensuring reliable and secure transportation, ultimately fostering greater safety and transparency for the beneficiaries.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

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	Shared administrative costs for this project are allocated to ensure effective oversight of administrative functions and to guarantee adherence to the compliance standards associated with the appropriated funds, maintaining financial integrity, and operational efficiency.	25,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Includes provisions for expenses covering the procurement of essential office supplies and the costs associated with server maintenance, ensuring the smooth operation and digital infrastructure support of the organization.	3,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultant role, specifically focused on bridging the communication gap in understanding ridership needs for more effective transportation. This consultant will also be responsible for ensuring that the Project Manager adheres to strict guidelines in both service delivery and technology development, enhancing overall program efficacy.	65,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Project Manager: whose role is pivotal in assessing and integrating the collective needs of the enhanced transportation services aimed at supporting a vulnerable community. This includes overseeing service management and coordinating with the development team to refine and elevate the user interface, ensuring a seamless and effective integration of user and community needs.	75,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses to cover the costs and procurement of essential office supplies, ensuring efficient operational support.	1,000



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The 'Contracted Services' category is designed to include both the development of innovative technology solutions and the procurement of specialized trip services through iEnable. This integration guarantees a holistic approach to meeting the operational requirements, aligning technological advancement with practical service delivery.	330,500
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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

Funded by this appropriation, the project enhances independence and economic involvement for disabled veterans and the IDD community by providing accessible transport for work, education, and social activities. It boosts their societal participation and economic contribution, while the funding helps refine technology to elevate user experiences and cut service costs.

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

The direct services feature specified pick-up and drop-off times with minimal waiting, complemented by app-based notifications. Ensuring security, there is a rigorous driver onboarding process, including Level 2 background checks. The mobile platform enables guardians to view both scheduled and live trip tracking, offering enhanced safety and transparency for reliable and secure transportation.

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

Provides crucial transport services to disabled veterans and the IDD community, enhancing their independence and societal involvement. Specialized, accessible transit for daily activities, including work and education, focusing on safety and reliability is offered. An improved technology platform elevates the user experience while reducing costs. This initiative supports their active participation in society and contributes to economic growth.

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

Targeting individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, disabled veterans, and the blind, this project aims to serve 100-200 distinct individuals. Specialized transportation solutions tailored to each group's needs, enhancing their access to daily activities and societal participation is offered.

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

The goal of this project is to improve economic self-sufficiency for the IDD community by enhancing transportation access. Success will be measured by tracking employment, job retention, educational engagement, and participation in community activities. Surveys on financial independence and self-reliance will assess the project's effectiveness in integrating the IDD community into the wider economy and society.

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?

For contract non-compliance, the agency may consider penalties such as issuing formal warnings, providing corrective action plans, or implementing performance improvement requirements. Payment deductions for specific non-compliance instances or temporary suspension of work until issues are resolved could also be enforced. These penalties aim to encourage compliance while offering opportunities to rectify issues without severely impacting the contract continuity.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**



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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)

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