



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2602

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

A Mobile Library branch will provide more access to essential informational resources while fostering outreach partnerships and giving expanded library services to traditionally underserved populations and community members. Books, laptops, Wifi hotspots, and programs/classes will be delivered to high density housing areas; VPKs/headstarts and schools; areas that serve a high concentration of seniors, veterans, ALFs; and those considered low-income or mobility challenged.

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	50,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	50,000

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)	50,000	59%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	35,000	41%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	85,000	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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\$8,382,786 in American Rescue Plan Act funds are allocated for use towards Technology Solutions and the broadband infrastructure expansion, redevelopment incentives to stimulate growth and assist with inflated costs directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic those being salary adjustments, product costs, and increased labor costs.

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)?

No

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	These funds will be used to purchase a vehicle such as a box truck, sprinter van, or high-roof cargo van that is fitted with a liftgate and can fit into a standard-sized parking spot. Private donors and the Friends of the Library organization have partnered with local businesses, private individuals, local organizations, and civic associations to raise funds. A match of \$35,000 has been raised through various fundraising projects spanning the past 2.5 years.	50,000
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)		50,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The requested funds will be used in tandem with a match to purchase a high-roof cargo van that will serve as a mobile library branch.

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

The mobile library will improve people's access to essential information resources by negating the transportation barrier. While the library acts as a community information hub that provides essential informational and educational resources that encourage perennial learning, segments of the citizenry do not have the benefit of frequently accessing these resources due to the challenge of lacking transportation. A mobile library branch would help bridge this divide by bringing resources to those most in need. In addition to the physical resources in the mobile library (aka library bookmobile), staff would present one-on-one tech tutorials, classes for small groups, and literacy storytimes.

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

People will be able to take classes, complete homework, or apply for jobs as well as continue their learning opportunities for professional or personal goals. People could participate in one-on-one tech tutorials or small group classes as well as sign up for a free library card which would enable them to borrow Chromebooks and Wi-Fi hotspots; books, magazines, and periodicals; recorded documentaries, films, audiobooks, and e-books; and other items from special collections (ex: STEM Kits, Learning Kits, tools, non-GMO Seeds, artwork, Launchpads, and more). They could borrow the tech tools necessary for additional training, earning CEU's, completing job searches and applying for jobs, applying for small business loans, and more.

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

The mobile library branch will serve residents (16,728 according to the 2020 US Census) and those who work in New Port Richey. The goal is to serve as many people as possible by creating a full monthly schedule consisting of regular stops at VPKs/headstarts and schools; high-density communities that house a concentration of seniors and veterans; Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs) and retirement communities; areas which are considered particularly low-income; and stops at residences of voracious mobility-challenged readers who are not adequately served by current books-by-mail program which is limited to three (3) items at a time.

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

Studies have shown that an educated populace helps increase the community's overall success. By making more informational resources easily available to those who are considered traditionally underserved, people will have the resources to reach their personal and professional goals and improve their economic situation and overall station in life. The library will track stops, circulation, services provided, tutorials and classes presented, as well as the number of attendees. The library will track the number of organizations requesting to be added to the schedule and the number of issued library cards and reserved items. Paper and online surveys will be used along with short in-person interviews.

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?

The Library would return or repay unused funds and would agree to not request funding assistance for future projects.

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



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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