



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1178

**1. Title of Project:** Rales Rides - Senior Transportation

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Kevin Rader

**3. Date of Submission:** 01/31/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

In June 2015, Jewish Family Services (JFS) implemented Rales Rides, a transportation program to provide seniors with free rides to and from the Weisman Delray Community Center. Rales Rides began with a grant from the South Florida Regional Transit Authority (SFRTA), through which JFS was able to purchase two 14-passenger wheelchair accessible buses to provide transportation for seniors who are disabled, have limited mobility, or lack any means of transportation. There are currently 345 seniors registered for Rales Rides. In the last fiscal year, we provided over 9,550 rides. In 2018, donor funds enabled us to purchase an additional bus and, with funds from a 2018-2019 state allocation, we are now able to purchase a fourth bus. Meeting the increased transportation needs has greatly increased our operating costs. Securing sufficient operating funds will enable JFS to continue uninterrupted services.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	159,520
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>159,520</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)	159,520	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>159,520</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		179,520	1906A	No

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 159520

**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	Admin/Project Manager	4,250
Other Salary and Benefits	Support Staff	1,200
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office supplies	500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	3.5 Driver	90,070
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance, repairs, fuel	63,500
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>159,520</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

The purpose of Rales Rides senior transportation is to enable seniors to age in their homes by providing access to meaningful social, cultural, educational, health, and wellness programs to improve their physical, mental, and emotional health and wellbeing.

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

Rales Rides provides free door-to-door transportation to and from the Weisman Delray Community Center for seniors who have disabilities, limited mobility, are unable to safely operate a motor vehicle, or have no other means of transportation.

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

Rales Rides is a free service in the JFS service area (Delray Beach and Boca Raton) that enables frail, disabled, low-income seniors to access numerous programs at one location the Weisman Delray Community Center. In addition to a variety of classes and socialization activities, seniors can access the full scope of JFS services on-site including counseling, case management, support groups, JFS bi-weekly food pantry packages, financial assistance, and volunteer opportunities.

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

Three of the largest lower income retirement communities in Palm Beach County are within a few miles from the Weisman Center. The largest number of households in South Palm Beach County with annual incomes



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below \$10,000 are in these communities. These communities also have the second highest numbers of households with no motor vehicles available. Seniors who visit the Weisman Center range in age from 60 to 100+. The majority of seniors served by Rales Rides are in their 80s and 90s. It is a population with disabilities, limited mobility, and lack any means of transportation. Rales Rides will serve approximately over 345 seniors and provides over 200 rides weekly.

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

The overriding goal of the Rales Rides transportation program is to continually support the elderly so that they are able to stay active, healthy, and engaged in the community. Next year, with the additional buses we have added to our fleet, we anticipated providing at least 10,000 door-to-door rides to and from the Weisman Delray Community Center for over 400 seniors. The success of the program is evaluated through measuring the number of rides we provide, the number of seniors utilizing the program, and client surveys. In addition, we track the number of stops we make in each community to analyze the areas of greatest need.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties.

**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:** Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services, Inc.
- b. **County:** Palm Beach
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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