



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1802

1. Title of Project: Rural Community Transp. Coordinators Allocation

2. Senate Sponsor: Keith Perry

3. Date of Submission: 02/01/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

This allocation is to be used to provide transportation access for persons with disabilities, older adults, and people with low income (transportation disadvantaged) so they may access health care, employment, education, and other life-sustaining activities within the rural portions of Florida. Community Transportation Coordinators who would receive a portion of this allocation are defined as those "community transportation coordinators who operate in counties that are not direct recipients of funding under the Urbanized Area Formula Program set forth in 49 U.S.C. section 5307".

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	2,300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	2,300,000

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)	2,300,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,300,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		2,300,000	1855	No

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 2,300,000



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds are to be used to provide transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and people with low income so they may access health care, employment, education, and other life-sustaining activities.	2,300,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,300,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Since the advent of Medicaid managed care, it has become even more difficult for rural community transportation coordinators to provide accessible transportation to non-Medicaid transportation disadvantaged citizens. This allocation of funding is to assist community transportation coordinators located in rural areas to increase access for persons with disabilities, older adults, and people with low income to health care, employment, education, and other life-sustaining activities.

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

Users of accessible transportation disadvantaged services would see increased transportation options in rural communities, which are currently inadequate in much of rural Florida. The creation and preservation of more accessible transportation disadvantaged services for persons residing in rural communities will allow such persons to commute to health care, employment, education, shopping and other life-sustaining purposes which they otherwise would not have access to.

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

Direct services include, but are not limited to, fixed route transit, transportation on demand, bus passes, van service, medical transportation, etc. These services are for the transportation disadvantaged population in order to increase access to vital life activities such as access to health care, shopping, education, employment, etc.



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

The target population is the transportation disadvantaged population residing within the rural areas of the state. This includes the elderly, disabled, and low-income individuals. In Jan. 2014, the Univ. of S. FL Center for Urban Transportation Research published the study "Unmet and Latent Demand for Transportation Disadvantaged Services", prepared for Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged. The study concluded 37% of Florida was Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) and within that group there existed a "critical need" group of elderly, disabled, and low income citizens, making up 4% of Florida's population. Of this group, 58% of "critical need" trips are unmet.

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

The creation and preservation of more accessible transportation disadvantaged services for persons residing in rural communities will allow such persons to commute for health care, employment, education, shopping, and other life-sustaining purposes which they otherwise would not have access to. The Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged, through its oversight of community transportation coordinators, can measure this increased access to health care, employment, education, shopping, and other life-sustaining activities which the transportation disadvantaged population would otherwise not have access to.

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?

This funding request is for the fourth year of the special allocation, and the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged has existing penalties and performance metrics for its community transportation coordinators.

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:

- a. **Name:** Boyd Thompson
- b. **Organization:** Ride Solution, Inc. requesting on behalf of all rural community transportation coordinators
- c. **E-mail Address:** boyd@theridesolution.org
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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Community Transportation Coordinators in non-urbanized areas of Florida
- b. **County:** Statewide
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College



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Other (Please specify)

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