



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2308

1. Title of Project: Discounted Bus Passes for the Transportation Disadvantaged

2. Senate Sponsor: Bobby Powell

3. Date of Submission: 02/27/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

In Palm Beach County, transportation disadvantaged (TD) Eligible customers may qualify for a discounted TD bus pass if they meet household income guidelines that fall at 150% of the federal poverty level or below. Depending on income, a person can qualify to purchase the monthly pass for unlimited trips for \$15 or \$20 instead of the full price of \$70 per pass. The cost for this program to the county in FY 2018 was \$2,567,743. Since June 1999, the county has received annual funding from the State of Florida through the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged to provide opportunities for non-sponsored transportation disadvantaged citizens, not covered under ADA regulations (paratransit service). These funds help them to obtain access to transportation for daily living needs when they are not sponsored for that need by any other available federal, state or local funding source. The additional funds requested will be used exclusively for the discounted bus passes.

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

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)	2,000,000	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		100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

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



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

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	The expense of covering the cost of discounted passes for low income Palm Beach County residents.	2,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Increase or improve economic activity. Individuals who are dependent on public transportation and have limited incomes have their options for travel increased if there is no limit on the availability of trips to be completed; this can be achieved with the use of an unlimited bus pass.

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

A review of the income of citizens in need of discounted bus passes, the approval of qualified applicants, and the registration of the applicant as a participant to the program.

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

The monthly distribution of a bus pass at a discount of \$50 or \$55 from the regular price of \$70 for 31 days of unlimited fixed route travel.

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

Low income individuals; in FY 2018 Palm Beach County discounted bus pass program benefited over 5,000 residents.

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



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Access to affordable public transportation is for our customers the first step to self sufficiency. The passes are not free, and individuals must renew their eligibility annually. The annual review for re-certification is the best measure of success. Individuals go from the \$15 to the \$20 program, and eventually no longer qualify due to increased income.

- 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

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 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) Governmental Agency
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