



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2423

1. **Title of Project:** Discovery Learning Center Transportation Services

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Ed Hooper

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/13/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The addition of two safe day care vehicles that meet the required and rigorous transportation safety standards. The vehicles are specifically designed with integrated safety seats with interactive driver and driver assistant safety checks. Not only do they protect the child more fully from vehicle accidents, but cameras, alarms, and physical checks and balances practically eliminate that a child could ever be left in a vehicle. An additional 30 children will be served to attend PARC's comprehensive school readiness daycare.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	175,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>175,000</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)	175,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2014-15		250,000	2242A	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

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		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The addition of two safe day care vehicles that meet the required and rigorous transportation safety standards. The vehicles are specifically designed with integrated safety seats with interactive driver and driver assistant safety checks. Not only do they protect the child more fully from vehicle accidents, but cameras, alarms and physical checks and balances practically eliminate a child could ever be left in a vehicle. An additional 30 children will be served to attend this daycare.	120,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Driver and safety training for specialized vehicles	55,000
<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>175,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

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

PARC Discovery Learning Center is the ONLY child care provider in Pinellas County with accessible Early Intervention Services for children with developmental disabilities, including those diagnosed with and/or "at-risk" for developmental delays, behavior concerns, and autism. The new vehicles will provide an opportunity for up to 30 additional children to participate in in PARC's Discovery Learning Center with a head start overcoming barriers for school readiness.

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

Transportation for families with children with a developmental disability and/or at risk will enhance the success of children entering school, and ultimately increased success for the child and family member. The services will be provided by trained drivers.

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



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Developmentally disabled children, this project will allow 30 more children to be served.

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

Many of the families are at or below poverty level. Often, inconsistent availability of parents due to job schedules, economic hardship, and other factors lead to inconsistent Early Intervention Day Care Services. Infants, toddlers and children receive meals, snacks, individual plans, therapies and consistent services leading to successful school entry. Reliable, safe, and consistent transportation provides additional stability to both the children and their families. Each client will participate in PARC's Discovery Learning Center Program with 85 percent attendance while utilizing transportation services. Measured with data from trip logs. Increase the number of children transported by 15 percent in a 12 month period. Measured by enrollment records, attendance, and trip logs.

**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.**

Parc, Inc.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **County:** Pinellas
- 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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