



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1412

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Older Blind program prepares blind or visually impaired persons, aged 55 and older, to remain independent in their own homes. Specific training is offered in safe travel skills indoors and outdoors (with a white cane), use of technology (computers, smart phones, electronic magnification devices, etc.), use of remaining vision (low vision), medication management, financial skills (use of credit cards, money identification, bill paying), safe kitchen skills, recreation skills and counseling.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="783,927"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	783,927

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="783927"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="59.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2,276,447"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="41"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	3,060,374	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2019-20"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="252,937"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="50"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Division of Blind Services will contract with 17 nationally accredited member agencies of Florida Agencies Serving the Blind to provide services statewide using certified professionals who are paid salaries and benefits.	783,927
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		[]
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		[]
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		[]
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		783,927



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11. Program Performance

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

The Older Blind program prepares blind or visually impaired persons, aged 55 and older, to age in place, in their own homes, or the least restrictive community residential program. Specific training is offered in safe travel skills indoors and outdoors (including fall prevention), use of technology (computers, smart phones, electronic magnification devices, etc.), use of remaining vision (low vision), managing medications, financial skills (use of credit cards, money identification, bill paying), improve nutrition and safety preparing meals, recreation skills and counseling.

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

Activities of Daily Living (personal grooming, eating skills, money management, medication management, meal preparation, laundry, shopping, etc.)
Communication (braille, large print, keyboarding, use of telephone/smart phones, talking books, etc.)
Technology (computers adapted with software to magnify or speak aloud what is on the screen), electronic low vision aids,
Counseling related to adjustment to blindness
Low Vision Training (effective and efficient use of remaining vision with magnifiers, lighting and other techniques)
Orientation and Mobility (safe travel indoors and outdoors, using a white cane, low vision travel aids, etc.)
Recreation and Leisure Activities to maintain health and reduce social isolation

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

Seniors living with severe vision loss will receive training in their own homes and/or at the FAASB member agency's facility in the activities described above in 11b. Typically, about 36 hours of training, counseling and follow-up is provided over a period of 6 to 8 weeks.

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

2,000 individuals age 55 or older, who are blind or visually impaired.

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

Improvement in skills needed to maintain oneself in one's own home as measured by pre- and post-assessments of 11 specific skills pertaining to independent living: personal and home mgmt; assistive technology; communication skills; community integration; personal adjustment to blindness counseling; information and referral; low vision training; orientation and mobility training; purchase of aids and appliances; recreation and leisure activities training; self-advocacy training. Pre- and post-assessments will measure the outcomes.

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?

Penalties for failure to meet deliverables (hours of service and number of children served) are meted out by reducing payments. In previous years, all deliverables have been met.



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12. **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.**

N/A

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- 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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.