



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2328

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

The funds requested will help to establish a transportation program for patients of Osceola Community Health Services, a Federally Qualified Health Center with a network of 7 health centers and clinics throughout Osceola County. Transportation barriers can affect a person's access to health care services. These barriers may result in missed or delayed health care appointments, increased health expenditures and overall poorer health outcomes. The program will focus on providing transportation for patients or prospective patients that are within 200% federal poverty level. Specifically, the funding will be used cover operating expenses such as vehicle maintenance, insurance, supplies, fuel, and salaries. The program will utilize two accessible passenger vans previously donated to the health center by Lynx. The health center will hire two CDL-P drivers to and a dispatcher.

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: 80px;" type="text" value="200,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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: 80px;" type="text" value="200000"/>	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	200,000	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: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

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	Supplies, background checks, and printed materials	2,200
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	2.0 CDL-P Drivers 1.0 Dispatcher/Coordinator	98,800
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance, vehicle maintenance, & fuel	99,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Osceola County's dismally, inadequate public transportation system is a problematic access to care issue, particularly for the low-income, disadvantaged target population. The main goals of the program are to increase access to care for medically underserved communities by eliminating transportation barriers preventing adequate preventive and chronic care. Similarly, the Mobile Healthy Pantry program will help to decrease food insecurity by increasing access to healthy food options necessary to maintain control of diabetes and hypertension. Specifically, the program will provide patients of the health center with free door-to-door transportation to and from appointments. In addition, the vans will be used to establish a mobile healthy pantry to deliver specially packaged food boxes to vulnerable patients suffering of diabetes and hypertension.

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

Specifically, the Patient Transportation Program will provide patients of the health center with free door-to-door transportation to and from appointments. The program will consist of two main routes (North and South) servicing opposite sides of Osceola County. The Mobile Healthy Pantry program will utilize the same vehicles and routes as the patient transportation. Vulnerable patients experiencing food insecurity, diabetes and hypertension will benefit from the delivery of healthy food options such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products, and lean proteins.

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

Transportation assistance to and from appointments for low income families, seniors, the homeless, and other disadvantage populations. Mobile food pantry for patients experiencing food insecurity, diabetes and hypertension.

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

The health center's target population consists of 46 percent of disadvantaged residents who are within 200% federal poverty level. These residents typically are uninsured or under-insured and have significant barriers to affordable and accessible primary care services. They also are among the most likely to suffer from social determinants of health that lead to health disparities, poor health outcomes, and preventable emergency room visits. The Patient Transportation Program is expected to serve over 2,000 individuals per year. The Mobile Healthy Pantry is expected to serve 50 families per week.

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

The project will have a positive effect on two social determinants of health, transportation and food security. Improving the health and quality of life of participants will result in better overall health, lower medical costs and improve patient 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?

Standard contract penalties.



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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.