



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1019

1. Project Title Jewish Transportation - Rales Rides (JTRR) - Palm Beach County

2. Senate Sponsor Tina Polsky

3. Date of Request 01/04/2021

4. Project/Program Description

In June 2015, Jewish Family Services (JFS) implemented Jewish Transportation-Rales Rides (JTRR), a transportation program to provide seniors with free rides to and from the Weisman Delray Community Center. JTRR began with a grant from SFRTA, through which JFS was able to purchase two 14-passenger wheelchair accessible buses to provide transportation for seniors who are disabled, have limited mobility, or lack any means of transportation. There are currently 375 seniors registered for JTRR. In the last fiscal year, JFS provided over 10,000 rides. JFS now has three 14-passenger buses and one 31-passenger bus. Meeting the increased transportation needs has greatly increased operating costs. Securing sufficient operating funds will enable JFS to continue uninterrupted services. Participation in senior center activities has been shown to reduce isolation and improve physical, emotional, and mental health of seniors. While JTRR was briefly on hold due to Covid-19, it will be back in 2021.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Transportation

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	162,240
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	162,240

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	162,240	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	162,240	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	159,520	1942	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 162,240

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

None.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

JFS received CARES ACT funding from the HHS based on prior medicare payments. JFS did not receive funding for transportation.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Manager	4,783
Other Salary and Benefits	Support Staff	2,530
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office Supplies	100
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	2.5 Drivers	70,827
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance, repairs, fuel, depreciation for three 14-passenger buses and one 31-passenger bus	84,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		162,240

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose of JTRR senior transportation is to enable seniors to age in their homes by providing access to meaningful social, cultural, educational, and health and wellness programs to improve their physical, mental, and emotional health and wellbeing.

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

JTRR provides free door-to-door transportation to and from the Weisman Delray Community Center for seniors who have disabilities, limited mobility, are unable to safely operate a motor vehicle, or have no other means of transportation.

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

JTRR is a free service in the JFS service area (Delray Beach and Boca Raton) that enables frail, disabled, low-income seniors to access numerous programs at one location: the Weisman Delray Community Center. In addition to a variety of classes and socialization activities, seniors can access the full scope of JFS services on-site including counseling, case management, support groups, JFS bi-weekly food pantry packages, financial assistance, and volunteer opportunities. Approximately 350 seniors will visit the center each weekday.

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



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Three of the largest lower income retirement communities in Palm Beach County are within a few miles from the Weisman Center. The largest number of households in south Palm Beach County with annual incomes below \$10,000 are in these communities. These communities also have the second highest numbers of households with no motor vehicles available. Seniors who visit the Weisman Center range in age from 60 to 100+. The majority of seniors served by JTRR are in their 80s and 90s. It is a population with disabilities, limited mobility, and lack any means of transportation. JTRR will serve approximately over 345 seniors and provide over 200 rides weekly.

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

The overriding goal of the JTRR program is to continually support the elderly so that they are able to stay active, healthy, and engaged in the community. Next year, with the additional buses JFS has added to our fleet, it anticipates providing at least 10,000 door-to-door rides to and from the Weisman Delray Community Center for over 400 seniors. The success of the program is evaluated through measuring the number of rides provided, the number of seniors utilizing the program, and client surveys. In addition, JFS tracks the number of stops made in each community to analyze the areas of greatest need.

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 the contract?

Penalties for not meeting contracted deliverables may warrant decreased funding.

13. 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



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number