



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1764

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Two wheelchair accessible, noncommercial driver license (non-CDL) 15-passenger transit vans are needed to provide transportation to and from the Gainesville Opportunity Center (GOC), a non-profit located in Gainesville, Florida, supporting those with persistent mental illness. These adults often need transportation as they do not have their own transportation, may be unable to drive, and/or may be unable to use public transportation. The GOC provides job and social skills needed to re-enter the workforce.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 139,070 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 139,070 |

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) | 139,070 | 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 | 139,070 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

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



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

PPP funding was obtained to help defray costs of staff salaries.

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

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|--|----------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | The estimated cost of the two vans is \$139,070: two wheelchair accessible, noncommercial driver license (non-CDL), 15-passenger transit vans. | 139,070 |
| 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) | | 139,070 |

12. Program Performance

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

Two vans will greatly increase the number of people with persistent mental illness served by the Gainesville Opportunity Center, as well as greatly enlarging the service areas of the GOC. GOC programs help those with persistent mental illness develop marketable skills for entry into the workforce.

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

The vans will provide access to the entire range of GOC services including work preparation, skill development, resume assistance, participation in clerical, food prep, gardening, and other work activities of the center, access to educational programs, and referrals for health care and social services.

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

The vans provide transportation to and from residences to the Gainesville Opportunity Center, as well as transportation to work sites, educational programs, social services, and mental health providers.

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

Adults with persistent mental illness. Many of these individuals have physical and developmental impairments. Fifty to 100 individuals are expected to be served in the first year as a result of this request.

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

Additional people will be served by the Gainesville Opportunity Center. Van logs will be kept to track individuals using the vans. Total people served is a metric tracked by the GOC.

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?



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The vans would be returned to the managing entity.

- 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