



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1489

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

4. Project/Program Description

The CraneRIDES Fleet and Route Expansion project is designed to provide critical access to jobs, services, and essential destinations for under-served communities in Altamonte Springs and the Central Florida region. By expanding the CraneRIDES shuttle service, this project adds a new route and increases fleet size to enhance first/last mile connections to the Altamonte SunRail Station, linking residents to key economic and transit hubs. It serves vital destinations such as AdventHealth, the Altamonte Mall, Cranes Roost Park, affordable housing units, residences and the Boys & Girls Club, enabling access to employment, healthcare, shopping, and recreation. This expansion fosters equity by connecting low-income and disadvantaged communities to economic opportunities, while also supporting regional growth, improving mobility, and strengthening the local economy.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,900,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,900,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,900,000	30%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	31%
Other	2,500,000	39%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	6,400,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No
- a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.
- b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.
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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

5/1/2026

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

The City has allocated funding for operations and maintenance through various sources, including general fund revenues, transportation funds, and capital improvement funds. The City is exploring advertising revenue and partnerships with local businesses, regional transit authorities, and other stakeholders who are interested in supporting the CraneRIDES program. The City has established partnerships with new and redevelopment projects to participate in and support the Mass Transportation Program

11. List 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.

The City of Altamonte Springs is the owner.

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Final planning activities to finalize the new route. Implementation of new stop locations along the new route with accessibility features, minor roadway improvements to support the service, fleet expansion, technology and infrastructure to support the electric autonomous shuttle, including charging infrastructure. The \$1.9 Million request will cover the acquisition of additional shuttles	1,900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,900,000

13. Program Performance



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

This funding expands CraneRIDES AV Transit Service with a new route in East Altamonte- an under-served, historically disadvantaged community. It connects residents to the Boys & Girls Club, affordable housing, the Altamonte Mall, and the Altamonte SunRail Station—linking them to jobs and economic hubs across the region. This investment fosters equity; strengthens economic mobility; and enhances regional access to employment, commerce, and entertainment.

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

The project includes route development and stop locations, stakeholder collaboration, acquisition of the electric autonomous shuttles to provide the public service. It includes enhancements of stop locations with accessibility features, minor roadway improvements, installation of charging stations, community engagement, testing and quality assurance, and operational training.

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

The service will provide reliable and accessible transit, particularly for under-served communities, including those without cars or single-car households. This expansion will improve first/last mile connections to the Altamonte SunRail Station, linking residents to key hubs like Altamonte Mall, the Boys & Girls Club, and affordable housing while opening access to jobs and economic opportunities.

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

The target population served by this project includes residents of East Altamonte, a historically under-served and disadvantaged community, as well as the broader Altamonte Springs and Central Florida Region. This service will particularly benefit individuals without access to personal vehicles, such as those in low-income or single-car households, as well as SunRail and Lynx riders. Additionally, the project serves key destinations such as affordable housing units, the Boys & Girls Club, AdventHealth, and major economic hubs like the Altamonte Mall and Uptown Altamonte. The project is expected to serve approximately 11,000 residents in East Altamonte, providing them with direct access to key transit and economic hubs. The expanded route and fleet will also impact over 20,000 individuals annually, including commuters using SunRail and Lynx, and individuals accessing jobs, healthcare, shopping, and recreational opportunities across Altamonte Springs and the Central Florida region.

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

The CraneRIDES Fleet and Route Expansion will enhance mobility, economic opportunity, and public safety in Altamonte Springs and Central Florida. By expanding transit access to SunRail, jobs, healthcare, and cultural events, it reduces reliance on costly personal vehicles, fostering financial independence and workforce growth. The project improves public health by increasing physical activity and mental well-being while enhancing safety with autonomous shuttles that reduce crash risks. Benefits will be measured through ridership data, reductions in single-occupancy vehicle use, job access improvements, and economic impact assessments. This investment ensures equitable, sustainable, and efficient transportation, creating lasting regional benefits.

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?

Suggested penalties include financial deductions for unmet deliverables, extended contract periods to allow for project completion without additional compensation, and mandatory corrective action plans. Non-compliance with performance measures may result in reduced funding for future projects and potential termination of the contract. These penalties ensure accountability and encourage timely, high-quality project execution.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)



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b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- 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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.