



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2131

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

4. Project/Program Description

Currently, HART has a maintenance service facility that is used to service all buses, paratransit and Flex service vans, and non-revenue vehicles, and the facility is in a serious state of disrepair, subject to flooding, safety hazard and non- ADA compliant. This funding will enable HART to begin construction of a new Integrated Services Campus (ISC) and will serve as a leverage to draw down additional federal and local funds for the project. In addition, this facility will serve as emergency fueling for FDOT, the County, Tampa International Airport, and other first responders.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	23,500,000	55%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,800,000	14%
Other	3,500,000	8%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	42,800,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 01/01/2027

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

Ad-valorem revenue and federal operating grants.

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.

HART owns the property on which the facility is to be constructed.

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	Planning, design, permitting, and construction of the new Integrated Services Campus.	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

HART is in critical need of a new, Integrated Services Campus (ISC) to support the essential transit services it provides within Hillsborough County. The Project will be a 65,000 sq. ft. energy efficient maintenance Facility that will accommodate HART's service expansion needs and transition to low emission vehicles. The Project will be built to be resilient against catastrophic storm events and will include upgraded stormwater treatment and retention.

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

These funds will be used for construction of the new ISC that will house fleet maintenance, fueling station, service building, parking, and support structures.



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

HART provides transit service with 30 fixed service routes, along with flex and paratransit service. HART's fleet consists of 132 buses and 83 vans. A new integrated service campus is mission-critical for the region's transit system. The new ISC will enhance the speed and quality of vehicle maintenance and repair, and it will also allow for new technologies to be implemented such as solar power and a modern fluid dispensing system. These upgrades will significantly affect the work output of HART maintenance staff and their ability to serve the public.

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

HART serves population within its member jurisdictions: the City of Tampa, City of Temple Terrace, and unincorporated Hillsborough County, Florida. HART is the public transportation provider in Hillsborough County, Florida, on the west coast of Florida. HART's ridership for FY2024 was 11,308,431 with the average weekday bus ridership of 30,982.

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

The modernization of the Integrated Services Campus will increase mobility and community connectivity. This will be most significant among underserved communities, communities of color, and areas where there is a high degree of workforce housing. A standard transit bus carries 40 to 60 passengers, with 50 passengers per bus, one bus can remove the need for 50 cars on the road, resulting in traffic congestion relief. The new ISC would reduce maintenance operation costs and allow HART to expand the service footprint in Hillsborough County.

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?

Funds will be returned to the State if project is not completed, and deliverables are not met.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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)

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:



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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)
- 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



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d. Phone Number

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