



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2360

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Currently, HART's Heavy Maintenance (HM) Facility 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 HM Facility 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?  Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	35,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>35,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	35,000,000	75%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	5,296,817	11%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	3,500,000	7%
Local	3,500,000	7%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>47,296,817</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

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

9. Is future 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.

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

Yes



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

HART received federal assistance in the amount of \$103,378,362 through the CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP grants. These grants were used to cover operating costs and afforded HART to continue to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic without layoffs.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. 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?

2027

12. 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.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Planning, permitting, and construction of the new Heavy Maintenance Facility, as well as a new combined HM/PM building, fueling station, service building, parking, and support structures.	35,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>35,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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HART is in critical need of a new, fully functional operations and maintenance facility 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 HM building, fueling station, service building, parking, and support structures.

**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 heavy maintenance building is mission-critical for the region's transit system. The new HM Facility 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. Furthermore, construction of additional bus bays will allow HART to expand capacity to meet future growth in transit needs.

**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 projected ridership for FY2024 is 12,187,070, with the average weekday bus ridership of 37,866.

**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 HM facility 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 HM facility would reduce maintenance operation costs and allow HART to expand the service footprint in Hillsborough County. The new Facility will meet all applicable State of Florida Building codes ensuring the site can withstand extreme weather events, which is imperative, since the HM site is an alternative emergency operations location for first responders, the County, and TIA. In conjunction with stormwater management improvements, on-site flooding will be addressed through improved retention and conveyance capabilities. These efforts will reduce future flooding.

**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?**

If the project will not be completed, funds will be returned.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization**

**b. Municipality and County**

**c. Organization Type**



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- 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**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**