



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1180

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding will be used to sustain the number of assistive technology services provided to individuals who have disabilities provided through the Assistive Technology Act of 2004 (Pub. L. No. 108-364). These services are provided by the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST). This nonrecurring funding would go directly to program cost for FAAST's Regional Demonstration Center and device recycling programs.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	395,585
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>395,585</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)	395,585	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>395,585</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	305,585	29	No

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.

Recurring contract funding provided by the Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DOE Contract 21-101) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL Grant No. 2301FLATSG-00; CFDA 93.464).

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.

\$80,000 from the Administration for Community Living for Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Disability Network: Assistive Technology State Grant Awards P.L. 117-2 and P.L. 116-131 (DOE Contract No. 23-100, ACL Grant No. 2201FLATPH-00). Funds were used from 10/01/22-9/30/2023 for providing training and/or public awareness activities by the organizations statewide demonstration centers to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

## 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

### 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	\$55,585 for purchasing new assistive technology devices and equipment that will be used throughout the state for device demonstrations and short term device loans for the benefit of individuals with disabilities.	75,585
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	\$50,000 for refurbishing durable medical equipment and assistive technology; \$200,000 for Regional Demonstration Centers to provide device loans, trainings, and demonstrations..	320,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>395,585</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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FAAST will continue to contract with the expanded number of reutilization services provided by assistive technology reutilization partners, purchase new assistive technology devices for our short-term loan program, and continue to provide increased assistive technology services through the expanded Regional Demonstration Center network.

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

All assistive technology services described in the federal Assistive Technology Act: assistive technology device demonstrations; device short-term loans; device trainings; public awareness and information and assistance activities; and device reutilization.

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

Compare and contrasting assistive technology devices to ensure an individual makes the most appropriate decision on which device will work best for them. The ability to borrow on a short-term basis, an assistive technology device at no cost to use in their home, work, or school environment to help with decision making or short-term specific needs. Citizens will have the ability through these services to be trained on assistive technology devices (this could be devices they currently own or intend to purchase). Citizens will also be able to recycle their durable medical equipment through this program and can obtain lightly used or refurbished durable medical equipment at no cost to them.

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

Individuals of any age who have any disability including elderly persons. This funding request is estimated to provide 2,026 services to individuals.

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

Improve access to and acquisition of assistive technology. Performance Measures collected and reported in National Assistive Technology Act Data System's Annual Progress Report requested by the Administration for Community Living and the Florida Department of Education (included in the contract with DOE). Survey questions used to address performance measures: primary purpose for which demonstrated assistive technology is needed and decision making outcome; primary purpose of short-term loan and decision making outcomes; reason for accessing loaned assistive technology; and primary purpose for which assistive technology is needed and reason for using the reuse program

**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?**

The current contract with Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation #21-101 includes financial consequences for not meeting deliverables and performance measures.

**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**

For Profit Entity



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- 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