



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2438

1. **Title of Project:** Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA)

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Jeff Brandes

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/12/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) was created to develop and implement a regional transit development plan for the west central Florida region consisting of Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties. TBARTA works to improve mobility and expand multimodal transportation options for passengers and freight throughout the region. This request is for funding for agency operations and administration, including the study and development of innovative options for transit.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Transportation

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	5,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	100.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other		0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		1,000,000	1906A	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$5,000,000

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Overall agency management and oversight	287,526
Other Salary and Benefits	Additional staff and technical support; financial administration and oversight; grants management and administration; marketing outreach and public relations; agency administration; project planning and management; and contract administration.	560,474
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Transportation planning; project management; strategic communications; public awareness; marketing; and development of innovative transit options.	3,825,000
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent, utilities, travel expenses, printing, materials, office supplies, accounting and legal fees, and bank charges.	327,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

This request is for funding for agency operations and administration, including the study and development of innovative options for transit. Innovative options include, but are not limited to, study of smart city innovations, autonomous vehicle services, multimodal transportation, hyperloop technology, cable and light-weight overhead road or string types of above-ground transport, and public zero-emissions transit.

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

Funding will support the development of institutional, organizational, and management structure needed to plan, implement, and operate mobility improvements and expansions of multimodal transportation options for passengers and freight throughout the designated region. Study of innovative options to improve the transportation choices for residents and visitors.

**c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

A transportation network that connects people and places, moves goods and services, enhances the quality of life, and offers transportation options that are safe, sustainable, affordable, and efficient.

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



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All residents of Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties; a total population of approximately four million people. Visitors to the area.

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

Improved transportation conditions, study of innovative options to improve transportation and reduce congestion on area roadways, direct management and oversight, and a performance evaluation of services provided in the community, indicating their effectiveness and efficiency.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

N/A

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority
- b. **County:** Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - ☐ For Profit
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☐ Local Entity
  - ☐ University or College
  - ☒ Other (Please specify) TBARTA is an Independent Special District of the State of Florida
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