



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1383

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

In June 2015, Jewish Family Services (JFS) implemented Rales Rides, a transportation program to provide seniors with free rides to and from the Weisman Delray Community Center. Rales Rides began with a grant from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), through which JFS was able to purchase two 14-passenger wheelchair accessible buses to provide transportation for seniors who are disabled, have limited mobility, or lack any means of transportation. There are currently 375 seniors registered for Rales Rides. In the last fiscal year, JFS provided over 10,000 rides. JFS now has three 14-passenger buses and one 31-passenger bus. Meeting the increased transportation needs has greatly increased operating costs. Securing sufficient operating funds will enable JFS to continue uninterrupted services. Participation in senior center activities has shown to reduce isolation and improve the physical, emotion, and mental health of seniors.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?     Yes     No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="159,520"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>159,520</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="159520"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>159,520</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**     Yes     No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2019-20"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="159,520"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2307A"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**     Yes     No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. 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	Project Manager.	4,250
Other Salary and Benefits	Support Staff.	1,200
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office Supplies.	500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	2.5 Drivers.	70,970
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance, repairs, fuel, and depreciation for three 14-passenger buses and one 31-passenger bus.	82,600
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>159,520</b>



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

The purpose of Rales Rides senior transportation is to enable seniors to age in their homes by providing access to meaningful social, cultural, educational, health, and wellness programs to improve their physical, mental, and emotional health and wellbeing.

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

Rales Rides provides free door-to-door transportation to and from the Weisman Delray Community Center for seniors who have disabilities, limited mobility, are unable to safely operate a motor vehicle, or have no other means of transportation.

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

Rales Rides is a free service in the JFS service area (Delray Beach and Boca Raton) that enables frail, disabled, and low-income seniors to access numerous programs at one location: the Weisman Delray Community Center. In addition to a variety of classes and socialization activities, seniors can access the full scope of JFS services on-site including counseling, case management, support groups, JFS bi-weekly food pantry packages, financial assistance, and volunteer opportunities. Approximately 350 seniors visit the center each weekday.

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

Three of the largest lower income retirement communities in Palm Beach County are within a few miles from the Weisman Center. The largest number of households in South Palm Beach County with annual incomes below \$10,000 are in these communities. These communities also have the second highest numbers of households with no motor vehicles available. Seniors who visit the Weisman Center range in age from 60 to 100+. The majority of seniors served by Rales Rides are in their 80s and 90s. It is a population with disabilities, limited mobility, and lack any means of transportation. Rales Rides will serve approximately over 345 seniors and provides over 200 rides weekly.

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

The overriding goal of the Rales Rides transportation program is to continually support the elderly so that they are able to stay active, healthy, and engaged in the community. Next year, with the additional buses added to the fleet, Rales Rides anticipates providing at least 10,000 door-to-door rides to and from the Weisman Delray Community Center for over 400 seniors. The success of the program is evaluated through measuring the number of rides provided, the number of seniors utilizing the program, and client surveys. In addition, the number of stops made in each community is tracked to analyze the areas of greatest need.

- 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?

Penalties for not meeting contracted deliverable may warrant decrease in funding.



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12. **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.**

N/A

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.