



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2792

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding is being requested for the construction of the South City Transit Center. StarMetro conducted an extensive and continuous route planning and optimization study during the 2010s, which found service deficits in an area of the community that is both a federally designated opportunity zone and home to a significant environmental justice population. This prompted a joint planning effort to construct a new transit center located on the south side of Tallahassee to provide equitable access to residents.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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.

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.

The City of Tallahassee will receive up to approximately \$46 million in ARP aid. These funds will be used to address the COVID-19 public health response, losses in revenue, and negative economic impacts. The City has no current plan to direct ARP aid towards this project.

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

3/1/23

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

3/1/24

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.

The City of Tallahassee is both owner of the facility and the requesting entity.

13. 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: Other		
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	Design and Engineering phases of the project are complete and all appropriations will go directly towards the construction of the transit center. There will be eight covered bays for fixed route buses, a pull off area for paratransit vehicles and neighborhood circulators, a ticket booth and ticket vending machine, restrooms, office space, and storage. All bays will have electric charging for fixed route vehicles and the site will accommodate charging infrastructure for 2-4 light fleet	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000



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14. Program Performance

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

This Transit Center will enhance access to StarMetro service for residents living on Tallahassee’s south side—including both City and County residents—and will also improve overall system performance by increasing bus frequency and on-time performance. The Transit Center will also fulfill local, state, and federal clean energy objectives.

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

There will be increased bus service to south Tallahassee.

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

Citizens in the south of the city will have access to more routes, higher frequency of buses, and increased on-time performance.

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

The target population is residents of south Tallahassee, an area of approximately 40,000 residents. This area is federally designated as an opportunity zone and home to a significant environmental justice population.

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

The expected outcomes of this construction include that more residents will access public transportation, and on-time performance will improve in this area. Passenger data and on-time performance is measured by StarMetro daily.

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?

Future appropriations would be under greater scrutiny if the City failed to deliver on its contractual obligations.

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
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College



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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