



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Allocation for Rural Community Transportation Coordinators

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Keith Perry

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/12/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This allocation is to be used to provide transportation access for persons with disabilities, older adults, and people with low income (transportation disadvantaged) so they may access health care, employment, education and other life-sustaining activities within the rural portions of Florida.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Transportation

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
2,300,000		2,300,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 2,300,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 2

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No

e. Complete the following Worksheet.



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FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		2,300,000	2,300,000

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

\$2,300,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Since the advent of Medicaid managed care, it has become even more difficult for rural community transportation coordinators to provide accessible transportation to non-Medicaid transportation disadvantaged citizens. This allocation of funding is to assist community transportation coordinators located in rural areas to increase access for persons with disabilities, older adults, and people with low income to health care, employment, education and other life-sustaining activities.

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

Utilizers of more accessible transportation disadvantaged services would see increased transportation options in rural communities, which are currently inadequate in much of rural Florida, especially for the transportation disadvantaged. The creation and preservation of more accessible transportation disadvantaged services for persons residing in rural communities will allow such persons to commute for health care, employment, education, shopping and other life-sustaining purposes which they otherwise would not have access to.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds are to be used to provide transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and people with low income so they may access health care, employment, education and other life-sustaining activities.	2,300,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		2,300,000

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

Direct services include, but are not limited to, fixed route transit, transportation on demand, bus passes, van service, medical transportation, etc. These services are for the transportation disadvantaged population to increase to vital life activities such as access to health care, shopping, education, employment, etc.

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

The target population is the transportation disadvantaged population residing within the rural areas of the state. This includes the elderly, disabled, and low-income individuals. In Jan. 2014, the Univ. of S. FL Center for Urban Transportation Research published the study "Unmet and Latent Demand for Transportation Disadvantaged Services", prepared for Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged. The study concluded 37% of FL was Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) and within that group there existed a "Critical Need" group of elderly, disabled, and low income citizens, making up 4% of Florida's population. Of this group, 58% of "Critical Need" trips are unmet.

f. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome



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will be measured?

The creation and preservation of more accessible transportation disadvantaged services for persons residing in rural communities will allow such persons to commute for health care, employment, education, shopping and other life-sustaining purposes which they otherwise would not have access to. The Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged, through its oversight of community transportation coordinators, can measure this increased access to health care, employment, education, shopping and other life-sustaining activities which the transportation disadvantaged population would otherwise not have access to.

g. 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?

This funding is for the third year of the special allocation, and the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged has existing penalties and performance metrics for its community transportation coordinators.

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:** Community Transportation Coordinators in non-urbanized areas of Florida
- b. **County:** Statewide
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Boyd Thompson
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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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