



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1804

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funding request is to purchase land to build a transfer station on the east side of Gainesville which will improve transit access for residents. Currently there is no transfer station allocated to east Gainesville, although a significant portion of RTS users are from this area, using public transit for travel to work, classes, and health services typically located in other areas of Gainesville. The majority of east Gainesville is within a federally designated Opportunity Zone.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	300,000	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 2021-2022	300,000	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?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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\$13,126,429 FTA 5307 CARES Act funding for operating and capital assistance and \$100,000 FDOT Section 5311 assistance for COVID-related operational rural expenses

11. 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	Land purchase	300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

12. Program Performance

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

The funding request is to purchase land to build a transfer station on the east side of Gainesville.

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

Provide land for a new transit station to give citizens of Gainesville greater access to their community.

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

The land will be used to build a transit station to assist the residents of east Gainesville to gain better access to opportunities in other parts of the community. The transit station and modified routes to serve will result in increased frequencies and improved access to Alachua County Health Department, GRACE Marketplace/Homeless Empowerment Center, Gainesville Job Corps, Morningside Nature Center, Eastside High School, Gainesville airport, Tacachale Developmental Disability Center, Cone Park Library, and Gainesville Technology and Entrepreneurship Center.

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

This proposed project will be located in a federally designated Opportunity Zone and synthesizes identified community priorities by adding a fundamental component to Gainesville's long term revitalization strategy. With this transfer station removing barriers to transit, RTS's ability to leverage existing routes with new/expanded routes can significantly improve access to employment and education for east Gainesville residents.

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

RTS performance measurements include passenger counts, daily fare collections, and reporting in the National Transit Database, which provides the basis for federal transit funding apportionments. Data collection will absorb the new/expanded services derived from the Eastside Transfer Station and the information will be provided to NTD as required. At any point RTS can provide performance measurements targeting the new/expanded services aligned to this project.



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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?

No suggested penalties in addition to standard penalties.

13. 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 Gainesville, Department of Transportation and Mobility.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

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

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

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