

1. Project Title	The Arc of Putnam County - Handicap Transport Vehicles
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2. Senate Sponsor Travis Hutson

3. Date of Request 01/11/2024

4. Project/Program Description

Replacement of specially equipped vehicles to include, wheelchair lifts, ramps, and secure devices for the required transport of clients of the ARC with disabilities.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	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 2024-2025	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (уууу-уу)	Amount		Specific	Vetoed	
	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

No

No

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?

Yes

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



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The Arc of Putnam County received a Federal Protection Program Forgivable Loan (PPP) in the amount of \$647,900, which was expended on staff salaries and fringe benefits for retention and recruiting. In addition, Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) funds were received in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Florida's Agency for Persons with Disabilities for staff retention, incentive pay and training.

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	🔘 N/A
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- b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?
- c. What is the estimated start date of construction?
- d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?
- 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.

No

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	Replacement of specially equipped vehicles to include, wheelchair lifts, ramps, and secure devices for the required transport of clients of the ARC with disabilities. Mobility allows for the support of medically fragile clients, many who are confined to wheelchairs for medical appointments, basic life function and critical services such as evacuations and life safety services.	500,000		
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		0		
Total State Funds Requested (m	Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) 500,0			

14. Program Performance

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



The upgrades are aimed to enhance the safety and security of our most vulnerable citizens, while reducing an increasing and expensive cost in the maintenance of an aging vehicle fleet.

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

Replacement of specially equipped vehicles to include wheelchair lifts, ramps, and secure devices for the transport of persons with disabilities.

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

The mobility allows for the support of medically fragile clients, many who are confined to wheelchairs for medical appointments, basic life function and critical services such as evacuations and life safety services.

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

Elderly persons, Persons with poor mental health, Persons with poor physical health, Economically disadvantaged persons, Developmentally disabled, and Physically disabled.

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

Improve physical health by allowing for The Arc of Putnam County to properly assist physically disabled persons. Improve transportation conditions by having well maintained equipment, clients will be able to make appointments on time and in a vehicle that has a much lower risk or breaking down or requiring expensive repairs.

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?

Failure to spend funds will result in funds being returned to state.

15. Requester Contact Information

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16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization The ARC of Putnam County, Inc.

b. Municipality and County Putnam

c. Organization Type

□For Profit Entity

☑Non Profit 501(c)(3)

□Non Profit 501(c)(4)

□Local Entity

□University or College

□Other (please specify)



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