

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2017-18

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Training Facility for People Who are Blind and Visually Impaired in Pasco County

2. Date of Submission: 01/31/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Amber Mariano

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4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d

b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?

c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2016-17 <i>(If appropriated in 2016-17 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2017-18 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited. Any additional Nonrecurring funding requested to supplement recurring funds in the base will result in the base recurring amount being converted to Nonrecurring .)</i>		
	Column:	A	B	C	D	E
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring Request <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D to be CONVERTED to Nonrecurring plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E. These funds will be appropriated non-recurring if funded in the House Budget or the Final Conference Report on the budget.)</i>
Input Amounts:					1,500,000	1,500,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2017-18? No

5a. If yes, which state agency?

5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? For example, if the requested issue pertains to services provided to inmates at correctional facilities, the Department of Corrections would be the most appropriate state agency. Department of Education

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Sylvia Perez
- b. Organization: Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind, Inc.
- c. Email: sperez@lvib.org
- d. Phone #: (727)815-0303

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project (Please retype if same as Requester):

- a. Name: Sylvia Perez
- b. Organization: Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind, Inc.
- c. Email: sperez@lvib.org
- d. Phone #: (727)815-0303

8. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

- a. Name: None
- b. Firm: None
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

9. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds(Please retype if same as Requestor or Contact):

- a. Name: Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Pasco
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government

- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

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

The Lighthouse lease with a Pasco Co. government property has ended and Lighthouse has been asked to re-locate as soon as possible to accommodate Pasco County government growth. Lighthouse has secured a property to build a property and Pasco County Board of County Commissioners have approved a \$400,000 CDBG grant to help with the purchase of the land. However, the Lighthouse needs assistance with funding the building of the facility.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. F) Enter ?0? if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Build 15,000sq/ft metal building to provide training and services for blind and visually impaired	1,500,000

TOTAL		1,500,000
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13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (In Question 12, if ?h. Fixed Capital Outlay? was not selected, question 13 is not applicable)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

Pasco County Board of County Commissioners approved a \$400,000.00 allocation for partial land purchase for this project, letters of support from Director of the Division of Blind Services Robert L. Doyle, U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis, United Way of Pasco County

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

Data collected by the Florida Association of Agencies for the Blind in 2013, shows that more than 13,000 Pasco County residents are legally blind or have difficulty seeing. As the population of Pasco is growing the population and incidence of visual impairment is also increasing, thus demonstrating a significant need for the services provided by the Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

17a. Describe the target population to be served. Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- Other (Please describe): Anyone who is visually impaired (any age, demographic, economic status).

17b. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select all that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		

<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	Improve functioning that is impacted by vision impairment. See Outcomes by Age Group	Outcomes are measured annually or upon completion of each client's program, using standard assessments appropriate for each age category.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): Improve functioning that is impacted by vision impairment.	See Outcomes by Age Group	Outcomes are measured annually or upon completion of each client's program, using standard assessments appropriate for each age category.

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2017-18 from all sources of funding (Enter ?0? if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total (Automatically Calculates)	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	1,500,000	78.9%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	400,000	21.1%	Yes
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	1,900,000	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No