

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2017-18

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Competitive Grant Program for Community Transportation Coordinators

2. Date of Submission: 02/07/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Bobby Payne

Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

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

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? 2016-17

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

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 (If appropriated in 2016-17 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2017-18 (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 .)		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non- vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring Request (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.)
Input Amounts:		1,750,000	1,750,000		1,750,000	1,750,000

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 Transportation

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Boyd Thompson
- b. Organization: Ride Solution, Inc. on behalf of all rural community transportation coordinators
- c. Email: boyd@theridesolution.org
- d. Phone #: (386)325-9999

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

- a. Name: Liz Peak
- b. Organization: Ride Solution, Inc. on behalf of all rural community transportation coordinators
- c. Email: liz@theridesolution.org
- d. Phone #: (386)325-9999

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

- a. Name: James McFaddin
- b. Firm: Southern Strategy Group
- c. Email: mcfaddin@sostrategy.com
- d. Phone #: (850)671-4401

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

- a. Name: Community transportation coordinators across the state
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Statewide
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Statewide

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?

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. These grant dollars are to be used for innovative projects designed to promote access for persons with disabilities, older adults, and people with low income to health care, employment, education and other life-sustaining activities. A 10% local match is required for the grants.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Competitive Grants will be awarded to non urbanized community transportation coordinators who submit responsive grant applications to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Utilization of the funds will depend on the grant applications that receive awards.	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits	Competitive Grants will be awarded to non urbanized community transportation coordinators who submit responsive grant applications to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Utilization of the funds will depend on the grant applications that receive	0

	awards.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Competitive Grants will be awarded to non urbanized community transportation coordinators who submit responsive grant applications to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Utilization of the funds will depend on the grant applications that receive awards.	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Competitive Grants will be awarded to non urbanized community transportation coordinators who submit responsive grant applications to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Utilization of the funds will depend on the grant applications that receive awards.	0
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	Competitive Grants will be awarded to non urbanized community transportation coordinators who submit responsive grant applications to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Utilization of the funds will depend on the grant applications that receive awards.	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Competitive Grants will be awarded to non urbanized community	0

	transportation coordinators who submit responsive grant applications to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Utilization of the funds will depend on the grant applications that receive awards.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Competitive Grants will be awarded to non urbanized community transportation coordinators who submit responsive grant applications to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Utilization of the funds will depend on the grant applications that receive awards.	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Competitive grants.	1,750,000
TOTAL		1,750,000

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:

Yes, this would be the second year of the grants, and great support is demonstrated through the response to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged's call for grant applications for the 2016-17 fiscal year. A 10% local match is required as well, which demonstrates local government support.

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:

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.

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): he targeted population includes most of the above categories, as all of these groups could be consid

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Utilizers of the innovative transportation disadvantaged grant initiatives would have increased access to medical appointments, pharmacy, etc.	Reduced missed medical appointments and greater health care compliance and prescription drug compliance.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Utilizers of the innovative transportation disadvantaged grant initiatives would have increased access to mental health related appointments.	Reduced missed mental health appointments and greater health care compliance and prescription drug compliance.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Utilizers of the innovative transportation disadvantaged grant	Increased opportunities to attend educational opportunities such as

	initiatives would have increased access to educational opportunities.	community college in a nearby urban area. Rides can be surveyed.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions	Utilizers of the innovative transportation disadvantaged grant initiatives would see increased transportation options in rural communities, which are currently inadequate in much of rural Florida, especially for the transportation disadvantaged.	Increased transportation access, increased ridership, decreased missed health and mental health appointments.
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	Utilizers of the innovative transportation disadvantaged grant initiatives may do so for employment that they otherwise would not have access to.	Increased employment can be measured due to the access to employment opportunities that the transportation disadvantaged in rural areas may not otherwise have.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	The creation and preservation of more accessible transportation disadvantaged services through the innovative transportation disadvantaged grant initiatives for persons residing in rural communities will allow such persons to commute for health care, employment, education, shopping and other life-	Increased access to health care, employment, education, shopping and other life-sustaining activities which they otherwise would not have access to.

	sustaining purposes which they otherwise would not have access to.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse	Utilizers of the innovative transportation disadvantaged grant initiatives would have increased access to substance abuse related appointments.	Reduced missed substance abuse related appointments and greater health care compliance and prescription drug compliance.
<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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

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:	1,750,000	90.9%	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:	175,000	9.1%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	1,925,000	100%	

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

No