

The Florida House of Representatives

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2021-22

For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Transportation Disadvantaged Discounted Bus Passes
2. Date of Submission: 01/28/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Joseph Casello

4. Details of Amount Requested:

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

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2020-21 (If appropriated in 2020-21 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2021-22 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds
Input Amounts:					2,000,000	2,000,000

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2021-22 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request	2,000,000	44.4%	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	2,500,000	55.6%	No

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5. Other	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	4,500,000	100%	

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

Yes

a. How much state funding would be requested after 2021-22 over the next 5 years?

- ☐ <1M
☐ 1-3M
☒ >3-10M
☐ >10M

b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

- ☐ 1 year
☐ 2 years
☐ 3 years
☐ 4 years
☒ ≥ 5 years

c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select "ongoing activity".

- ☒ Ongoing activity – no total cost
☐ <1M
☐ 1-3M
☐ >3-10M
☐ >10M

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Transportation

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

Funding should be curtailed from the agency If funds are not used in whole

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7. Requester:

- a. Name: Claudia Salazar
- b. Organization: Palm Beach County
- c. Email: csalazar@pbcgov.org
- d. Phone #: (561)841-4241

8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

- a. Name: Claudia Salazar
- b. Organization: Palm Beach County
- c. Email: csalazar@pbcgov.org
- d. Phone #: (561)841-4241

9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

- a. Name: Jonathan P. Kilman
- b. Firm: Converge Government Affairs of Florida, Inc.
- c. Email: jonathan@convergegov.com
- d. Phone #: (850)459-3829

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Palm Beach
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Palm Beach

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- ☐ For Profit
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☒ Local Government
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

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

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The goal of securing funds towards is to improve transportation options for the low-income, elderly, and disabled residents of Palm Beach County. Through reliable transportation residents are given the opportunity for economic mobility and to access important services in the community. The transportation disadvantaged buss pass program also provides an affordable alternative to vehicle ownership which as become more important due to the current economic downturn.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Should equal 4d, Col. E) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funding will go directly to offset operating costs and reduced revenue in order to provide the discounted bus passes	2,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		

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TOTAL		2,000,000
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14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?
- ☐ 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)
15. Is the project request an information technology project?
- No
16. 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?
- No
17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?
- No
18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?
- Yes
- a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?
Palm Tran conducts a thorough eligibility process of applicants to ensure that only qualified residents can access the discounted bus passes. Following income verification, customers are then able to purchase the discounted pass. Palm Tran staff continually provide education and outreach to customers regarding the application process so that funds are used to their fullest extent.
 - b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.
The monthly distribution of a bus pass at a discounted of price of \$15 to \$20 from the regular price of \$70 for 31 days of unlimited fixed route travel. Through the discounted pass, residents are able to directly access public transportation that includes over 30 fixed routes across Palm Beach County.

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c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups"). 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
- ☐ General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

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

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

19. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

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Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Individuals who are dependent on public transportation and have limited income have their options for travel increased if there is no limit on the availability of trips. Through the buss pass, individuals are able to better access goods and services within the local community.	Palm Tran tracks the number of individuals served under the program and number of passes sold. The measure of benefit will be the number of trips taken by participants in the programs and savings realized by having access to the pass.
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	For residents access to affordable public transportation is the first step to self sufficiency. These bus passes provide reliable transportation to places of employment that will improve economic self sufficiency.	The annual review for re-certification is the best measure of success. Individuals go from the \$15 to the \$20 program, and eventually no longer qualify due to increased income.
<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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		