HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM

REQUEST

Lake County is requesting to keep the funding for this program intact at \$671,713.

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ANALYSIS:

■ With this requested state funding from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, and a local match of \$74,635, a total of 40,000 trips can be provided.

BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Disadvantaged Program was established by the Legislature in 1979 and enhanced in 1989 with the creation of the independent Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, and the establishment of the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund.

The Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund is administered by the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged, pursuant to Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes. The purpose of the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund is to provide a dedicated funding source for the operational and planning expenses of the Commission in carrying out its legislative responsibilities, and to provide transportation opportunities for non-sponsored transportation disadvantaged citizens.

The Transportation Disadvantaged Program provides for the availability of efficient, cost-effective, and quality transportation services for transportation disadvantaged individuals. Through coordination of multiple funding sources at the local level, the funds are maximized to provide transportation disadvantaged individuals with the vital transportation services they need.

Florida's seniors, the disabled, low income, and children at risk who have no other forms of transportation depend on the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund to assist them with daily transportation needs.

Lake County relies on these funds to provided transportation services for medical appointments, food shopping and other nutritional activities, employment, job training, and educational purposes.

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