



**SHIRLEY CONROY RURAL AREA
CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANT
REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

DATE SUBMITTED	May 13, 2026
LEGAL NAME OF REQUESTING CTC	Levy County Board of County Commissioners
FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	59-6000515
REGISTERED ADDRESS	310 School Street, Suite 112
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Bronson, FL 32621
CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS GRANT	Connie Conley
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PROJECT LOCATION [County(ies)]	Levy
PROPOSED START DATE	July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED (90%)	\$180,187.00 (REDI)

<p><u>CTC REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORIZATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</u></p> <p>I hereby certify that this request has been duly authorized by the governing body of the CTC. The CTC also certifies that it has reviewed and understands the Grant Program Manual and intends to complete the project in compliance with all grant program requirements if the assistance is awarded.</p>	<p><u>LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD APPROVAL</u></p> <p>I hereby certify that this request for funding has been reviewed in its entirety by the Local Coordinating Board.</p>
<p>Signature Of Authorized Representative</p>	<p>Coordinating Board Chairperson's Signature</p>
<p>Date</p>	<p>Date</p>
<p>Tim Hodge/Board Chair Name of Authorized Representative and Title</p>	<p>Lynn Franson Name of LCB Chairperson</p>

JUSTIFICATION FOR EQUIPMENT REQUESTED (must include specific details supporting the need, the impact/value the equipment will provide to the coordinated system. If space provided is not enough for explanation of need, please attach an additional page):

Levy County Transit is a vital transportation provider serving residents with essential mobility needs, including access to healthcare, employment, and community services. The agency currently operates a fleet of 12 vehicles, with 10 designated for frontline service. However, increasing demand, aging equipment, and limited backup capacity are placing significant strain on operations.

With the planned expansion into Medicaid transportation services by June, the agency anticipates a substantial increase in daily ridership and trip volume. To safely and effectively meet this demand, immediate investment in fleet, personnel, and infrastructure is required. Aging and Limited Fleet

Of the 10 frontline vehicles:

- 4 have exceeded recommended age and mileage thresholds
- 2 newer vehicles are currently out of service due to major mechanical issues
 - o One has been unavailable for over 3 months despite repeated repair attempts

This leaves the agency with only 2 functional backup vehicles, creating a critical vulnerability in maintaining consistent service.

Additionally:

- One non-frontline vehicle (20-passenger bus) is no longer practical for daily use due to reduced demand for large group transport
- The remaining backup vehicle is a small bus suitable only for limited-capacity routes

As vehicles age, maintenance costs continue to rise significantly, further straining the agency's limited budget.

Levy County Transit is actively coordinating with multiple Medicaid brokers and plans to begin providing Medicaid transportation services by the end of June.

This expansion will:

- Increase daily ridership
- Require additional trips and route coverage
- Place further demand on already limited fleet and staff resources

Without additional vehicles and operators, the agency risks being unable to meet contractual obligations or community demand.

The agency's current security camera system:

- Is over 20 years old
- Is no longer supported (original vendor is out of business)
- Has multiple non-functioning cameras
- Does not record or store footage

This creates serious concerns regarding:

- Incident documentation
- Liability exposure

A modern, fully functional security system is urgently needed to ensure safe and accountable operations.

Levy County is a REDI county.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REQUESTED:

Vehicles

1, 2, 3, etc. +	(R) or (E)*	Fuel Type **	Description/Vehicle Type/Procurement Source	Quantity	Estimated Cost (from Order Form)
1	R	Gas	Ford E450 14 seats/2 w/c positions, Cutaway; Trips	1	\$168,337.00

+ Prioritization of Need

*Replacement (R) or Expansion (E)

** Fuel Type – D=Diesel G=Gas A=Alternative

Other Equipment Requested (NOT as part of a Vehicle Purchase)

1, 2, 3, etc. +	Description	Quantity	Estimated Cost
1	Camera Security System for building & property	1	\$11,850.00

+ Prioritization of Need

Total Project Cost	(100%)	\$180,187.00
Less Local Match	(10%) *	\$0.00
Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Funds	(90%)	\$180,187.00

SOURCE OF REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH:

REDI County