



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1141

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Senior Friendship Centers is a nonprofit that operates nationally-recognized senior centers that serve as the safety net hub serving a diverse population of community seniors and their caregivers. The 20,000 square foot building constructed in Venice in 1990 is desperately in need of hurricane hardening and safety compliance -- elevator modernization, roof replacement, and security system updating. The elevator updates will modernize the current elevator equipment, improving the safety and communication capabilities. Roof updates will fortify the buildings with metal roofs, increase the lifespan of the roofs, and ensure these buildings are able to secure property insurance coverage. Security system updating will improve security and monitoring of the Venice campus as well as improve communication with local law enforcement. These improvements will ensure the Center is safe, appropriately equipped, and ready to serve the next generation of senior.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	755,890
Total State Funds Requested	755,890

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	755,890	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	755,890	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No
- a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.
- b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.
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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Paycheck Protection Program = \$1,699,718 for payroll and covid-related costs
 CARES Act = \$2,468,004 for meals, caregiver supports, in-home care related to covid
 Coronavirus Consolidated Appropriations Act = \$782,375 for home delivered senior meals, and home-bound elder supports

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

Erin McLeod, President & CEO
 David Blehar, CFO/COO

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Elevator Updating -Venice Campus - 2 Elevators Roof Updating - Venice Campus - 3 Buildings Security System Updating - Venice Campus - 3 buildings	755,890
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		755,890

14. Program Performance



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a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

This nonprofit operates nationally recognized senior centers that are the safety net hub serving a diverse population of community seniors and their caregivers. The building constructed in Venice in early 1990's are desperately in need of hurricane hardening and safety compliance -- elevator modernization, roof updating, and security system updating. These updates will fortify the buildings, increase safety, and increase communication capabilities. These improvements will ensure the Center is safe, appropriately equipped, and ready to serve the next generation of senior.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Engineering evaluation, drawings, and detailed project plan for the updating of the elevators, roofs, and security system.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Services delivered in this space include: coordination of home delivered meals and a daily congregate lunch for older adults (Older Americans Act program); wellness programming including falls prevention, exercise and education; crisis intervention, benefits assistance, and grief and loss counseling; access to community resources including tax and legal counseling; volunteerism, socialization and lifelong learning programs, and adult day services that include support groups.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Older adults aged 55+; many with poor mental/physical health; jobless; economically disadvantaged; physically disabled. Approximately 1,000 current members with anticipated growth after the facility is updated

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Roof updates will provide hurricane hardened buildings and allow Senior Friendship Centers to continue to secure property insurance, something that is becoming difficult with aging roofs. Insurance availability is projected to improve with new roofs.

Elevator updates will modernize the current equipment. Safety improvements include new self leveling and special emergency communications that are in compliance with ASME/ANSI A17.1 Code. Maintenance costs are projected to decrease.

Security sytem updates will replace original system installed at time of construction in the early 1990's. A new security system will improve monitoring of building entry points, include new video surveillance, and improve communication with local law enforcement.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Unused portion of funding will be returned to the State of Florida.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County



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c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number