



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1973

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Global Empowerment Mission is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization responding immediately to disaster relief needs. Its mission is to distribute the most amount of aid to those who need it, as quickly as possible. The funds will allow us to purchase semi-truck, CRM system and software, dry van with lift gate, barcode scanners, volunteer and vehicle key management and subscription, ERP implementation, miscellaneous safety equipment and PPE, all terrain forklift, disaster supplies.

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	1,100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,100,000

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)	1,100,000	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	1,100,000	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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No



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

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.

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	The funds will allow us to purchase semi-truck, CRM system and software, dry van with lift gate, barcode scanners, volunteer and vehicle key management and subscription, ERP implementation, miscellaneous safety equipment and PPE, all terrain forklift, disaster supplies.	1,100,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,100,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Our Miami warehouse is fully equipped to respond immediately to crisis, and with partners such as Good360, Amazon, Publix, Goya and many others, we're able to bring aid into the most devastated areas & most vulnerable populations as quickly and efficiently. For example, GEM was first on the ground for Hurricane Ian since landfall actively responding to affected communities.

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

GEM is fully equipped to respond immediately to crisis and with partners such as Good360, Amazon, Publix, Goya and many others, we're able to bring aid to most vulnerable population quickly and efficiently. By partnering directly with local community organizations and leaders, we're able to distribute aid much more quickly and efficiently than more traditional disaster relief organizations.

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

Statewide services of vulnerable communities affected by disaster or other such event.

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

The funds will be used to purchase equipment that will allow GEM to better respond to disaster event or other emergency events. GEM not only provides immediate relief but also tends to the often-overlooked gap period and long-term recovery, rebuilding, and redevelopment of a crisis-hit cities and communities. GEM will measure outcome by number of events GEM responds to, including people served, family necessity kits (boxes with snacks, food, other items) distributed), total aid distributed. Volunteers and skilled workers sourced in communities.

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?

Failure to utilize the funds in the specified manor shall result in funds being returned to the State.

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

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity

Non Profit 501(c)(3)

Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- 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