



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3301

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Food Security Project is set to implement a range of initiatives aimed at tackling food insecurity for youth, adults, and communities within our service area. The project will prioritize key area: resource accessibility, nutrition education and awareness, community engagement, and support. By implementing these approaches, we hope to diminish the impact of food insecurity on individuals and communities alike.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	765,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	765,000

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)	765,000	66%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	395,000	34%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,160,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Additional dollars to support our state-wide efforts can continue to be raised through grants, corporate donations, and individual donations.

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



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

\$69,000 to support staffing was received through the Paycheck Protection Program.

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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? Unsure

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? Unsure

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.

Statewide

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	We will contract and collaborate with local organizations in Tallahassee, Orlando, and Miami to develop detail project plans, timelines, and objectives tailored to each city. These organizations will recruit project participants, perform objectives, and support all other project initiatives.	765,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		765,000

14. Program Performance

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



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To promote awareness of food programs, and advance food advocacy. The objective is to offer education, training, and resources to empower individuals and communities economically, ultimately improving food security. The educational components encompass topics such as nutrition, food preparation, and community gardening techniques. Youth leadership workshops are designed to equip youth with tools that will help mitigate barriers related to hunger.

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

Raising awareness about nutrition and healthy eating through educational programs to promote healthy eating habits. Conducting workshops and training sessions on food prep, meal planning, budgeting, and benefits of community gardens.
Provide information on available resources on government programs. Establish Advocacy Program to help youth learn how to advocate for their families and communities.

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

Information Sessions- Provide sessions in various formats for participants to learn about federal nutrition programs & it benefits. Assist participants wit qualification & application process.
Nutrition Education Classes- Provide classes that combine education, exploration, and fun activities to help ensure foundation in healthy eating habits.
Community Gardening
Youth Advocacy Program will teach advocacy & leadership workshops.

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

Targeted population are children, teens, and low-income adults residing in food deserts.
We expect to serve a total of 400-800 individuals.

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

Outcome: Participants will cultivate healthier eating habits, incorporating increased consumption of fruits and vegetables, reducing the intake of sugary and processed foods, and establishing regular meal patterns.

Methodology: Evaluate participants' comfort levels with the provided information through pre and post surveys, measuring the effectiveness of the education on healthier eating habits.

Outcome: Address immediate hunger challenges through proactive initiatives such as food drives, community gardens, and other project activities.

Methodology: Quantify participant involvement in community activities by tracking the frequency of participation and measuring impact in pounds of food collected or distributed.

Outcome Students will learn advocacy awareness and ways to implement change within their community.

Methodology: Create community maps to identify resources, strengths, and areas that need improvement and will help lead to solutions.

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?

The organization will submit a review to the state detailing its plan to meet deliverables in a reasonable amount of time and/or accept an abatement in its allocation if services provided are under-utilized or not being used by the target population.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**



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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)
- 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