



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2273

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

ECS has expanded services into additional counties to ensure seniors in need have access to care at home. To meet the service demand, the current ECS kitchen facility must be expanded. A building addition of 1000 sq. ft. will increase the service capacity by 50% to provide meals for a vulnerable population. The ECS facility was built in 1989 and updates will increase resilience to extreme weather and ensure that reserve meals are prepared for immediate delivery to seniors following a disaster.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	990,000
Total State Funds Requested	990,000

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)	990,000	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	990,000	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?

Yes



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

\$464,000 was received through the PPP 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? November 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? June 2025

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.

Elder Care Services, Inc. Non Profit 501 (c) 3) owns the building and land for the project.

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	Funds will be used to build additional kitchen and storage space to increase the number of elderly persons receiving nutrition services and our disaster preparedness operations.	990,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		990,000

14. Program Performance

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

Project funding will expand the kitchen facility by 1000 sq. ft. and include kitchen equipment and preparation materials to increase meal production by 50%. Project costs include a generator to ensure meal production and freezer storage remain operational during crisis events. Expanded storage space is vital to stocking food supplies more than one week ahead in case supply chains are disrupted.

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



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Meals on Wheels delivers prepared meals directly to the home of vulnerable seniors. This daily service serves their nutritional needs while also supporting their mental health with the social connection of a friendly face. Twenty-four percent of elderly persons 65+ are considered to be socially isolated and social isolation significantly increases risk of depression, anxiety, dementia. This project will increase our service capability and disaster preparedness. Following a crisis situation, all elderly clients will receive nutritional support at first mealtime following road clearance approval. In-person safety checks will be provided at this first meal opportunity. All clients not on current meal route will be contacted by phone to ensure safety.

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

Additional space will increase agency direct services capabilities for in-home care, including prepared meals and personal delivery to homebound and socially isolated elderly persons. Additionally, resiliency items will ensure elderly clients receive safety checks immediately and nutrition is still received. Pre-prepped frozen meals are available for use at the special needs shelter.

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

This project will support over 800 elderly person.

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

Food insecure elderly will receive prepared meals to enable 90% of clients to remain in their home, preventing premature nursing home placement and increased hospital care. This measurement will be tracked through internal database and regular assessments from case managers. At least 1000 seniors annually will receive in-person social supports to reduce isolation, in addition to the prepared meal. This measurement will be tracked through database noting number of home visits and calls and annual surveys. At least 100 frozen meals will be available for shelters. This will be measured through meal logs.

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?

Architectural plans are in place for construction. Failure to meet measures will be examined and justified as necessary. Processes will be re-evaluated, and if requested, an improvement plan may be developed to address any deficiencies.

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)
- Local Entity



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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