



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2760

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. It's mission is to distribute the most amount of aid to those who need it, as quickly as possible. The funds will allow us to expand and obtain forklifts, vehicles, racks for our global headquarters located in Florida, as well as some supplies. These are for statewide services of vulnerable communities affected by disaster or other such event.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	830,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>830,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	830,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>830,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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

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



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### 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

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Forklifts, vehicles, racks for our global headquarters located in Florida, as well as some supplies.	830,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>830,000</b>

**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?



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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 & with partners such as Good360, Amazon, Publix, Goya and many others, we're able to bring aid to most vulnerable population quickly & 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?**

These are statewide services to vulnerable populations affected by disaster or other such events. Our services therefore all populations in communities across our state.

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

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. We team with local businesses, skilled workers, and volunteers who know their home community best and share the language, customs, and experience. Therefore, 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. Also, We team with local businesses, skilled workers, and volunteers who know their home community best and share the language, customs, and experience. We hire skilled workers locally during times of disaster events and create immediate job opportunities. So we can measure number of jobs created. Also given our response to any disaster within hours, we can measure number of events we respond to.

**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)
- 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**