



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Native Fresh: Urban Aquaponics Farming

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Denise Grimsley

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/09/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Educate inner-city youth about urban farming techniques (aquaponics, aeroponics, dutch bucket systems), nutrition, and the benefits of living a healthy lifestyles; To provide entrepreneurs with the technical, business and life skills needed to start and develop agribusinesses

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
650,000		650,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 650,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

e. Complete the following Worksheet.



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FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

650,000

11. Program Performance:

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

High-value introduction of at-risk youth to emerging opportunities in aquaponics farming (typically in an urban setting). Positive training and employment opportunities for at-risk youth. Entry-level internship and employment opportunities. Accelerated generation of sustainable, small-investment entrepreneurial business; Job creation through a cost-effective and targeted economic catalyst. Gender empowerment with significant business opportunities for women; Enhanced production of healthy, Safe and affordable organic foods

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

Adult education and training classes, along with youth seminars focused on healthy eating habits nutrition and urban farming will take place within the facility. The facility is also open to field trips and other community events.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Trainers/Technicians/Growers	201,039
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Facility Lease; utilities and waste; printing and advertising; insurance, taxes and travel	355,961
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Staff Training; professional consulting fees; market studies materials for workshops/educational seminars, maintenance & repairs	93,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		650,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Agricultural Production and Replical Model

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

Area Inner-city youth and entrepreneurs We expect to serve approximately 527 individuals

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

Educated, trained and employed inner-city youth and entrepreneurs. Outcomes will be measured by number of youth educated and number of new jobs created.

g. 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 in the contract?

Agency review with mutually agreed penalties

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A no ownership, not for profit



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13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Native Fresh
- b. **County:** Duval
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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