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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend - Increasing Disaster Response Resiliency and Statewide Readiness

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

3. **Date of Submission:** 12/08/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Funding will be used to purchase and upgrade warehouse facilities currently occupied by the food bank America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend under a rental agreement, to install and purchase a high-capacity generator, and to purchase 2 trucks. The investment ensures protection against vulnerabilities in statewide emergency readiness by securing a regional staging area from which North Florida can provide effective and efficient support to Central and South Florida when disaster strikes.

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?

Executive Office of the Governor

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
160,000	1,980,000	2,140,000

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	800,000	25.2%
Other	240,000	7.5%
TOTAL	1,040,000	32.7 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 3,180,000

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)



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- 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.

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?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

Funds will improve Florida's disaster response readiness, capacity, and resiliency; protect against vulnerabilities in Florida's distribution network for emergency food and water; and prevent disruption of established, ongoing food distribution of over 6.5 million meals for the 108,000 food-insecure people, including 22,700 children, in North Florida's Big Bend.

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

Serving as a hub in the statewide distribution of emergency food and water during disaster relief and recovery, which includes coordination with Emergency Operations Centers, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and other Florida food banks, to ensure rapid and adequate distribution of emergency supplies. During Hurricanes Irma and Hermine, for example, Second Harvest of the Big Bend distributed more than 350,000 pounds of emergency food, water, and supplies to affected areas in Florida. These funds also provide the added benefit of increasing capacity of the ongoing, daily food distribution for hunger-relief programs. The programs provide free food to children, families, seniors, veterans and other individuals who need support services to stabilize their lives and become productive members of their community.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	For the purchase of two 24' heavy-duty refrigerated trucks used to safely transport perishable food to hunger-relief charities in Florida. Cost per truck: \$80,000.	160,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	1) \$1.75 million to purchase Second Harvest's now rented warehouse facility in Tallahassee, FL. Its facility is Feeding Florida's largest capacity warehouse north of Orlando. It acts as a disaster response distribution hub for emergency partners and other Florida food banks throughout the state. 2) \$190,000 to purchase and install a generator to sustain operation of refrigeration and freezer units if power loss occurs during a disaster. 3) \$40,000 in warehouse upgrades.	1,980,000
TOTAL		2,140,000



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

Statewide distribution of emergency food and water during disaster relief and recovery. Second Harvest of the Big Bend is one of the state's three emergency distribution hubs in the Feeding Florida network, which is part of the ESF 6 disaster response team (Emergency Support Function #6 - Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing, and Human Services). ESF 6 is responsible for the provision of emergency food and water to Florida citizens affected by disasters. This appropriations project also increases the capacity of ongoing, daily food distribution for hunger-relief programs. The programs provide free food to food-insecure children, families, seniors, veterans and other individuals who need support services to become financially self-sufficient.

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

All Florida counties will be served by the increased disaster resiliency and expanded distribution capability of this essential Feeding Florida hub. During Hurricane Irma, for example, 15 million Floridians lost power to their homes, and the Feeding Florida network provided emergency food and water to those in need. According to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap Research, more than 3.4 million Floridians are food insecure, with more than 1.1 million of them children. Food insecure individuals and families are most vulnerable to disasters, and it typically takes longer for them to recover. However, if provided with sufficient emergency food and water, food insecure people can more quickly regain financial self-sufficiency. Thus, by ensuring the readiness of Second Harvest as an emergency food and water distribution hub, the Feeding Florida network can contribute to a quicker rebound of Florida's economy after a major disaster.

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

Ensuring disaster response resiliency and statewide readiness. Since Second Harvest currently leases its warehouse facility, the Feeding Florida statewide network is vulnerable to a disruption in its emergency readiness for disasters such as hurricanes. If Second Harvest's property owner were to sell the facility, the food bank would be required to find another suitable location, identify and conduct a reconfiguration of the new facility, and coordinate the relocation of up to 2 million pounds of food and water, which is the equivalent of 67 truckloads. This process could take two or three months. Second Harvest plays an essential role in the statewide distribution of emergency food and water during natural disasters. Should a hurricane approach Florida while Second Harvest is in the midst of its relocation, its ability to fulfill its responsibilities in the statewide distribution of emergency food and water would be in jeopardy.

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?

A corrective action plan with monthly reporting until issues relating to compliance have been satisfactorily resolved.

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.

Tillco, Inc., a Tennessee corporation located at 626 Simmons Road, Knoxville, TN 37932, is the owner and landlord of the warehouse facility leased to America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend, the tenant.



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13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend
- b. **County:** Leon
- 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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