



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1655

1. **Title of Project:** Treasure Coast Food Bank Food Production Plant

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Debbie Mayfield

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/13/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Treasure Coast Food Bank will purchase a neighboring property and renovate its existing structure for the expansion of our food production plant programs, which include job training, Farm to School contract work, produce production and processing, disaster relief, and congregate feeding programs.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	975,000
Total State Funds Requested	975,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	975,000	37.32%
Federal	514,718	19.70%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	162,500	6.22%
Other	960,000	36.75%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,612,218	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning	Property purchase and building renovation.	975,000
Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		975,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The purpose of our project is to purchase neighboring property for the expansion of our food production plant programs, which include job training, Farm to School, produce production and processing, disaster relief, contracted food services, and congregate feeding programs. Our primary goal is to stimulate the local economy with new markets for Florida family farmers to increase their revenue, and new, living wage jobs, provide new job training opportunities for the food production and supply chain industries, and healthy nutritious meals for those in need in our community.

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

1. Prepare and serve up to 100,000 meals per day during disaster-relief efforts. 2. Expand contract work within Farm to School Program to include additional school systems throughout Southeast Florida and increase the output of our Produce Packaging Program outputs by 50%. 3. Prepare and serve a minimum of 250,000 meals annually under state and federally funded congregate feeding programs including the Summer Food Service Program and the Afterschool Meals Program 4. Provide workforce development and job placement through our food production training program 5. Provide catering services to generate income with which to sustain Kitchen operations beyond the initial funding period. 6. Provide cooking classes and nutrition education to clients and families.

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

Meal preparation, fresh produce distribution, job training, business opportunity, disaster relief, and nutrition education.

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

Low-income individuals in need of food, job training, and employment assistance. We anticipate hiring an additional 20 new employees, 50 training program graduates annually, and almost 100,000 people in need of food assistance on the Treasure Coast through this project.

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



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This project will have the following benefits and results: 1. Increased revenue for local farmers 2. Creating employment opportunities 3. Job Training 4. Improving food security. We will accomplish this by purchasing Florida produce from family farms, hiring and training at least 20 new employees during the project, expanding our Job Training program, preparing and distributing a minimum of 250,000 meals through SFSP and AMP programs, expand contract work with Farm2School to additional counties throughout the state. We will measure the total number of pounds of produce purchased from Florida family farms, number of employees hired during the project period, number of graduates from training program, and total number of meals prepared and distributed and number of new contracts attained through this project.

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 in the contract?

None.

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.

Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc. will be the owner of the facility to receive fixed capital outlay funding from this proposal.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Treasure Coast Food Bank
- b. **County:** Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Saint Lucie
- 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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