



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2242

**1. Title of Project:** Lima Center: Food Pantry & Social Services Center

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Victor Torres

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/21/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

The Lima Center will be built on the 33-acre campus of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 3860 Pleasant Hill Road, Kissimmee, Florida 34746. The 7150 sf building will house an expanded food pantry to provide larger facilities for the current food pantry that has been operated for the past ten years by St. Rose of Lima volunteers. The food ministry provides nutrition and support to over 29,000 people a year in Osceola County. The Lima Center will provide a commercial kitchen to allow feeding programs and additional pantry distribution times. Catholic Charities of Central Florida (CCCF) will provide a case worker to help connect people with the services they need and transition from poverty or homelessness to a more stable life. CCCF will also provide immigration attorneys to assist the newly arrived people, especially from Venezuela and S. America. The emigres from Hurricane Maria, who came to Central Florida to make a new home will also be among those the new Lima Center clients.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,300,634
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,300,634</b>

**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)	1,300,634	72.21%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	100,000	5.55%
Other	400,634	22.24%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>1,801,268</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**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



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#### 10. 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	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Project Components: Land donated by St. Rose of Lima; General requirements; site work; concrete & form work; metals; carpentry; moisture protection/roofing/insulation; doors/windows/glass; finishes; building specialties; equipment; mechanical; electrical; construction manager; owner contingency	1,300,634
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,300,634</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

The goal of this funding is to build this much needed building, which will be used for the Osceola County community to distribute food, social work, and immigration law services to the disproportionately large population of poor, newly arrived, Hurricane Maria emigres, elderly, children and people who have been dispossessed for whatever reason in the Kissimmee and Poinciana area of Osceola County.

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

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and the Diocese of Orlando have agreed to donate property and infrastructure on its 33-acre campus on Pleasant Hill Road for the construction of a social services building to be called the Lima Center. The parish will contract with an architect and builder approved by the Diocese of Orlando Ecclesiastical Properties Division and the parish building committee. Construction will begin on parish property by mid May or early June of 2019. The project will be completed according to all projections by January 2020. A building committee of experienced people will shepherd the project from design through construction to completion.

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

St. Rose of Lima Food Ministry/Pantry will provide needed food distribution to the over 29,000 people who come to the pantry annually for help. These people are food insecure and part of the over 10% of Osceola County citizens who fall into this group. Over 100 volunteers donate 6500 hours @ \$22.08 = \$143,520 a year to



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the well being of the citizens of Osceola County. Pantry has operated on all donated labor for ten years. Catholic Charities of Central Florida will provide a case worker who will help clients who need help connecting to needed services and transitioning to a more stable life. CCCF has been doing this work in central Florida for over 50 years and has professional expertise in this area. CCCF will provide the services of immigration attorneys to those who need this type of help. The Lima Center will be a hurricane emergency shelter for Osceola County and will be built to those high construction standards.

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

The 29,000 people who will be served by the Lima Center are primarily people in Poinciana and Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida: 26.6 % of families who are in poverty and suffer food insecurity - Census tract 413; 31 % of families with children who are in poverty and suffer food insecurity - Census tract 413. The areas around the parish encompass zip codes 34746, 34759, 34758 and others. All who come to the Lima Center are welcomed, processed for need, and assisted.

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

The Lima Center will be built. The Lima Center will open its extended pantry and social services operations. The people of Kissimmee and Poinciana will be helped in a multitude of ways. The center will stand by as an emergency shelter for the use of Osceola County when needed.

**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?**

No 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.**

The Catholic Diocese of Orlando owns all parish properties in its 9 counties. St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church will be the sole recipient of the requested state funding and will devote all of the funds to the construction of the much needed Lima Center for Social Services.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
- c. **E-mail Address:** Marthacus@aol.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (407)932-5004

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church - Lima Center
- b. **County:** Osceola
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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#### 15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name:** None
- b. Firm Name:** None
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