



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1210

1. **Project Title** CROS Ministries - Gleaning2. **Senate Sponsor** Kevin Rader3. **Date of Request** 11/04/20194. **Project/Program Description**

CROS Ministries' Gleaning program is one of the largest food recovery programs in the State of Florida because of the proximity to local farms and the variety and quantity of produce we can recover. Launched in 2003, the program helps to increase the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables for the food insecure population in our region. With the help of distribution partners including the Palm Beach County Food Bank, Feeding South Florida and others, the recovered produce is added into the food supply to give to people in need. According to Feeding America, 20 billion pounds of fruits and vegetables are discarded on farms or plowed under. The USDA has estimated that 35 million pounds of food is needed annually to feed hungry residents in Palm Beach County. During the 2018-19 season, (November - July), 604,674 pounds of fresh produce was recovered, providing the equivalent of 503,895 meals. (Based on Feeding America's equation of 1.2 lbs. of food = 1 meal)

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Agriculture and Consumer ServicesState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250000	100.0 %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>100 %</b>

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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	5% of Executive Director Salary and Benefits = \$6,700	6,700
Other Salary and Benefits	3% of Finance Officer Salary and Benefits = \$2,750 3% of Administrative Assistant Salary and Benefits = \$1,350 3% of Development Officer Salary and Benefits = \$2,550	6,650
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	25% of Gleaning Director's Salary and Benefits = \$13,100 100% of New Gleaning Assistant Salary and Benefits = \$48,500 100% of Two (2) New Gleaning Seasonal Labor Positions Salary and Benefits = \$27,600	89,200
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Vehicle Purchase/Lease: Flatbed Truck / Trailer combo = \$80,000 Rent for Parking Truck = \$2,400 Fuel for Truck = \$3,050 Technology for new Gleaning Assistant (Laptop and phone) = \$2,000	87,450
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Seed money to conduct a comprehensive study for a pilot project exploring how hydroponic agriculture facilities can increase fresh food availability and create skilled jobs in the Glades while countering farmland development. Study to include research of existing funding opportunities within government, private, and public sectors, examining the number of people and resources needed for the project, and feasibility that this project is something our agency can do going forward.	60,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		250,000



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

CROS Ministries is a multi-county not for profit seeking matching state funds to increase the amount of pounds of fresh produce recovered from local farms that would otherwise go to waste and entered into the food system serving hungry children and families. CROS operates one of the largest food recovery programs in the State of Florida in collaboration with family farms and distribution partners.

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

CROS Gleaning will recover fresh fruits and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste and enter it into the food system serving hungry children and families. During the 2018-19 season, (November - July), 604,674 pounds of fresh produce was recovered, providing 503,895 meals to hungry residents in Palm Beach County. (Based on Feeding America's equation of 1.2 lbs. of food = 1 meal)

##### c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Funding will enable CROS Ministries to recover an additional 200,000 pounds - 300,000 pounds of food. This will provide 166,667 - 250,000 meals to hungry residents in Palm Beach County. (Based on Feeding America's equation of 1.2 lbs. of food = 1 meal)

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

According to Feeding America, there are close to 200,000 residents in Palm Beach County struggle with hunger and have trouble putting nutritious food on the table. This is the population who benefit from our food recovery program, children, men, women, working families, seniors, veterans, the homeless, and people with mental and physical disabilities.

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

1. To increase access of fresh fruits and vegetables to households who are food insecure. CROS Ministries will recover an additional 200,000 pounds - 300,000 pounds of food. This will provide 240,000 - 360,000 meals to hungry residents in PBC. (Based on Feeding America's equation of 1.2 lbs. of food = 1 meal). Outcome measurement - Total number of pounds of fresh produce provided to distribution partners and total number of meals provided to food insecure households through distribution partners. 2. To create skilled jobs in the Glades while countering farmland development. Funds needed to create these new positions. We will seek alternative funding to continue to pay for salaries going forward. Outcome measurement - number of jobs created. 3. To conduct a comprehensive study on how hydroponic agriculture facilities can increase fresh food availability, create skilled jobs in the Glades, and provide ongoing funding streams. Outcome measurement - completed study.

##### 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



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12. 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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. 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
  - ☐ University or College
  - ☒ Other (please specify)
- d. First Name  Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.