



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1752

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Hope Connections provides meals, in-home care and services for isolated and low-income seniors living in Hendry and Glades counties. The program is dedicated to helping people ages 60+ to remain in the place they call home by providing: home-delivered meals; essential transportation, in-home personal response systems and congregate meals with social activities. Hope Connections meal sites are located in areas with a high population of seniors living with food insecurity such as Clewiston, Labelle and Moore Haven. Hope Connections also provides: health care professionals to aid in personal care; homemaking services and home safety assessments; geriatric counseling; medical supplies and respite care.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="400,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="400000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	400,000	100 %

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		
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This appropriation will provide for the underfunded portion of 26,000 nutritious meals and unfunded kitchen and delivery supplies, uncovered medical supplies, in home care, case management, bus fuel and maintenance.	400,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input type="text"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000



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11. Program Performance

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

With this grant, Hope Connections will not need to reduce the number of weekly meals provided to participants (from 3.5 to 2) due to a gap in funding for food and services. The program will also be able to continue all care required to keep clients living in their own homes rather than being placed in facilities.

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

Hope Connections will continue to offer the full scope of care and services including all in-home care and all meals. These funds will permit the continuation of all direct senior care including: personal care; homemaking; geriatric counseling and respite care and will provide 26,000 nutritious meals to seniors living at or below the poverty level.

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

Home-bound, isolated seniors living at or below the poverty level in areas with extremely limited (to zero) resources for food and care will receive nutritious meals; in-home personal care; homemaking; counseling; socialization; transportation and caregiver respite. This support will allow residents to not only stay in their homes but to remain in their community. There are few to zero senior living facilities in the service area so residents in need would have to move away from their hometowns and families.

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

Hope Connections is committed to serving 350+ Glades and Hendry seniors aged 60 years and older who are not able to remain in their homes without essential help. Hope Connections serves: seniors living at or below the poverty level; seniors who live alone; seniors who are unable to select and prepare well-balanced meals; individuals with limited mobility; seniors living with a disabling illness or physical condition.

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

Hope Connections expects to serve 3.5 meals each week to 350+ participants and is dedicated to providing the care and services required to keep participants living in the place they call home. This outcome will be measured by the number of meals served and the number of participants moving into senior living facilities.

- 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?

The penalty for not meeting Hope Connections' program goals is the heart-wrenching task of informing participants that they must go hungry. The Connections team would also have to explain why participants had to wait for their much-needed care and services. For the Hope team, dedicated to comfort and care, there is no higher penalty.



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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.**

No capital funding is requested. Hope Connections is a program of Hope Hospice & Community Services, Inc. a community-based 501c3. All capital expenses related to the program are processed by this parent organization. Facilities utilized for congregate meals and office space are leased. No grant funds will benefit these property owners.

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.