



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1281

1. Project Title Nassau County Council on Aging - Hilliard Westside Senior Life Center & Adult Day

2. Senate Sponsor Aaron Bean

3. Date of Request 02/06/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of the funding is to complete the renovations to the Senior Life Center that began in 2020. The Legislature provided funding under phase I last year. The Westside Senior Life Center will provide a center for the aging population, their caregivers and families. Upon completion, these esteemed individuals will have access to programs, services, counseling and activities on a daily basis with the ability to meet other isolated seniors. The previous funding of 600k was used to begin renovations on the facility, which includes drainage, tying the septic system to the City sewage system, parking lot resurfacing, roof for entire building, kitchen design and renovation of meal space for seniors, etc). The entire 2-year project costs \$1.3 million dollars. The new dollars will be used to complete the project, including kitchen appliances, food pantry and storage, furniture, exterior work, office space for staff to meet privately with families, activity rooms, etc.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Elder Affairs

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	600,000
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	600,000	96%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	25,000	4%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	625,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	600,000	406b	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Dollars will be used to complete the project, including kitchen appliances, food pantry and storage, furniture, exterior work, office space for staff to meet privately with families, activity rooms, etc.	600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

12. Program Performance

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

Seniors will receive services that will empower them to live and lead happy, healthy lives. They will not only survive, but thrive. In 2020, Florida was declared the 4th age friendly State, and the Governor has made a commitment to ensure that seniors' needs are prioritized. " Richard Prudom, the Secretary of Elder Affairs, states that "throughout the next decade, the population of older Floridians is expected to increase by nearly 40 percent, so it is essential that communities are prepared. Our efforts continue as we work to make Florida a place where we can all live and live well." This funding request is specific to that goal. The current building is not conducive to the health and well-being of seniors. There are areas of the building which pose a hazard. When it rains, water pours into the cinder block walls causing potential problems, and without immediate intervention, this would be a mold hazard.

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

There are approximately 8,300 seniors on the West side of the County and they will have a place to congregate, socialize with their peers, received much needed education and wellness checks. Statistics indicate that 30-35% of caregivers pass away before their loved one due to self-neglect. Resources will be provided to caregivers in order to equip them to meet this challenge. Classes will be taught on a regular basis and transportation will be provided to and from the facility by NassauTRANSIT, a subsidiary of Nassau County Council on Aging.

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



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Meals, Fall Prevention classes, health education (diabetes prevention, hypertension, exercise, etc.), Financial Literacy (how to avoid scams, managing money on a fixed income, etc.), Medicare education, Transportation to Dr. appts and to and from renovated Senior Life Center, Counseling for family members, Crsiis Assistance, flu shots, COVID Vaccines and COVID testing, Legal Aid support, etc.

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

The target population is isolated seniors residing on Westside of Nassau County.
It is a rural area with little or no activities for seniors.

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

The major benefit will be the 8,300 seniors leading more fulfilling lives while they age in place. Seniors will enjoy healthy, nutritious meals, take better care of their health through exercise, education, wellness testing, and basic wellness care. They will have a place to go and congregate to meet with other seniors. This is a goal of the "age friendly community." The success of this initiative will be measured by increased participation and attendance, satisfaction surveys, decreased isolation and its physical and mental health effects.

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 the contract?

Repayment of funds or no future funding

13. 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.

This is a NOT-FOR PROFIT, therefore has no private ownership.
However, the agency is governed by a Board of Directors and managed by President and CEO, Janice Ancrum.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number