



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1302

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

4. Project/Program Description

COVID-19 surged the need for food in the region by 400%, greatly exposing the limitations of Feeding Tampa Bay's current warehouse facility. Daily, families in the 10-county region go hungry while thousands of pounds of food are turned away or lost because of the limitations of the facility and its operational inefficiency. State funds would support the construction of a purpose-built facility with the capacity to provide operational efficiencies and increased capacity to recover an additional 50 million meals, deliver 2x more fresh produce and perishable goods, and reduce the cost per meal by 20-25% to meet the demand for food in the 10-county region.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	575,000
Total State Funds Requested	575,000

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)	575,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	575,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,150,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20		193,000	1552B	Yes

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**
- 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?



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

Approximately \$10.5 million used for emergency food relief to people negatively impacted economically by COVID-19.

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	First phase of project to build a new facility, including engineering and site design.	575,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		575,000

12. Program Performance

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

Feeding Tampa Bay has a plan to end hunger in its 10-county region. Daily, families in the region go hungry while thousands of pounds of food are turned away or lost because of the limitations of Feeding Tampa Bay's facility and the facility's operational inefficiency. There is more than enough food available to feed those who are hungry in the region if the food can be gathered and delivered efficiently. COVID-19 surged the need for food in the region by 400%, greatly exposing the limitations of the current warehouse facility. Plans are underway for a purpose-built facility with the capacity to meet the entirety of demand for food in the 10-county region. Feeding Tampa Bay is moving toward contract on property during the first quarter of 2021 and will immediately launch into engineering and site design. This funding will assist with that first phase of the project.

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

The new facility will provide operational efficiencies and increased capacity to recover an additional 50 million meals, deliver 2x more fresh produce and perishable goods, and reduce the cost per meal by 20-25%. The new building will allow for increased cold storage, a commercial kitchen for individually prepared meals, wrap around services to better connect those served to SNAP benefits and other programs to help them become self-sufficient, and education/training space for the FRESHforce workforce development programs.

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



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Feeding Tampa Bay is now serving over 85 million meals annually through a network of over 500 distribution partners in 10 counties: Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Manatee, Pasco, Hernando, Sumter, Hardee, Citrus, Highlands. In addition to an extensive food pantry distribution system, hundreds of thousands of students across the service area rely on Feeding Tampa Bay's food assistance programs. Feeding Tampa Bay brings meals to afterschool and summer school programs and builds food pantries on school campuses to bring healthy meals to families of all ages. Through Trinity Cafe, prepared meals are served; prescription meals are offered through partnerships with healthcare organizations for medically at-risk citizens, primarily senior adults. The FRESHforce workforce training initiatives provide skills training and certificates in culinary training, warehouse logistics and truck driving. In addition, Feeding Tampa Bay is an integral part of the region's disaster relief network.

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

Demand has grown to over 1,000,000 people now needing help. The burden falls disproportionately on children, seniors, and communities with a concentration of Black and Hispanic families. Recent data shows that for every 1% increase in unemployment, there will be a 10% increase in the community's food reliance. Today, one in five households are experiencing food insecurity; 68% of them had never been in a food line before. In the 10-county region, 1 in 6 adults and 1 in 4 children are food insecure. Feeding Tampa Bay served 66 million meals last year and is forecasting serving 86 million meals this year. It currently serves up to 2 million meals per week.

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

The expected outcome is to meet the food security needs in the region by providing access to food and services moving individuals/families to personal sustainability. A purpose-built facility makes that possible. When we end hunger by providing access to food, we create the psychological space for these families to focus on improving their economic condition. This is a problem that has a very straight-forward, cost effective solution.

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?

Feeding Tampa Bay would return funds to the state.

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.

Feeding Tampa Bay will own the facility.



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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