



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2044

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

COVID-19 dealt a heavy blow to people in North Florida's Big Bend region struggling to recover from Hurricane Michael. According to research from Feeding America, an estimated 146,000 people, including 30,000 children are food insecure. (2020 Map the Meal Gap) "Feeding Rural Florida" will support the purchase and distribution of 400,000 pounds (equivalent to 333,300 meals) of fresh nutritious food in rural counties, including Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla.

Food insecurity is defined as the limited or uncertain access to enough food to live a healthy, active life. ("Household Food Security in the United States in 2019", USDA ERS)

As the Big Bend region's primary source of charitable food for 36 years, Second Harvest provides nutritious food for the ill and needy, including low-income and unemployed people, to relieve situations of emergency and distress.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>300,000</b>

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)	300,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	30,000	5%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	270,000	45%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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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Other funding sources include private and corporate donations, and grants.

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

Yes

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

In April 2020, Second Harvest of the Big Bend received \$236,932 through the CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program. Funding was used to maintain staff during the pandemic.

#### 11. 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	No state funds will be used.	0
Other Salary and Benefits	No state funds will be used.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	No state funds will be used.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	No state funds will be used.	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	1. Salary and benefits for warehouse drivers delivering food to rural counties weekly. (\$30,000) 2. Salary and benefits for program staff working with rural partners to distribute food to people in need. (\$20,000)	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	1. The purchase of nutritious food to be given at no cost to people in need from rural poverty-level and low-income Florida households. (\$200,000) 2. Second Harvest's fleet of refrigerated box trucks and tractor trailers enable us to safely deliver fresh perishable produce, meat, backed goods and dairy to rural areas that may lack grocery stores. Funding will be used to offset a portion of the standard costs for fuel, maintenance, repair and insurance. (\$50,000)	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	No state funds will be used.	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	No state funds will be used.	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>300,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

When families in our community are struggling to feed themselves, and keep a roof over their heads, Second Harvest's Feeding Rural Florida program services help them regain stability and self-sufficiency. Second Harvest works with 149 hunger relief partners to get nutritious food to people in need when they need it most. As low-income families are provided food, they have additional money to spend for other purposes like rent, childcare, medical bills and utilities.

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

Funding will support the purchase and distribution of about 400,000 pounds of healthy food to people from rural Florida counties. Second Harvest has access to low-cost food through its partnership with the nationally respected charity Feeding America.



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

Funding will be utilized to provide nutritious food at no cost to Floridians in the Big Bend region.

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

Hunger affects people from all walks of life. Working families, retired seniors on fixed incomes, grandparents with custody of grandchildren, the chronically ill and the disabled all turn to Second Harvest for help in emergencies or as part of their regular meal planning. One "bad month" can be enough to push a household into food insecurity. Lay-offs at work, unexpected car trouble, or an accident on the job can suddenly force a family to choose between buying food and paying bills.

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

Expected program outcomes include:

1. Distribution of enough nutritious food for over 333,000 meals. (Meals = pounds of food divided by 1.2)
2. A cost savings of \$696,000 for rural communities. (Savings = pounds of food multiplied by the audited wholesale valuation of \$1.74.)
3. A cost savings of over \$1 million for recipients from poverty-level and low-income households. (Savings = number of no-cost meals multiplied by the average retail cost per meal in the Big Bend of \$3.21.)
4. A healthcare cost savings of over \$1.2 million for food insecure people. (According to the CDC, the average food insecure Floridian pays \$2,046 more for healthcare annually. Feeding Rural Florida will prevent food insecurity for 600 people.)

**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?**

Second Harvest of the Big Bend must submit evidence of performance before drawing down the funds.

\* Proposed reimbursement is based on the projected average cost of distribution and is paid after the distribution is made.

\* The State has the authority to withhold payment for failure to perform.

**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.**

Not applicable to this request.



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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