



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1616

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Requested funds will be used to build a category 5 regional aquaponics facility in an area of critical state concern. This model facility will be replicated throughout the state in conjunction with the College of the Florida Keys. Beyond the applied research, the model will provide for educational and workforce training opportunities and economic development and will alleviate food insecurity.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	942,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>942,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	942,000	66%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	480,000	34%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>1,422,000</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.

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

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



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PPP loan for \$200,000

#### 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The planning, engineering and construction of the aquaponics structure system including solar power.	942,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>942,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

Requested funds will be used to build a category 5 regional aquaponics facility in an area of critical state concern. This model facility will be replicated throughout the state in conjunction with the College of the Florida Keys. Beyond the applied research, the model will provide for educational and workforce training opportunities and economic development and will alleviate food insecurity.

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

Construction of a category 5 regional aquaponics facility.

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

Once completed, this facility will provide educational and workforce training opportunities, and economic development, and help alleviate food insecurity in the surrounding area.

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

This project will benefit students at the College of the Florida Keys as well as the residents in the Lower Keys.

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

Completed aquaponics facility that will provide the College of the Florida Keys with a new educational platform while serving the needs for food security for the greater Monroe County community.

##### 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?

Return of funds.



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- 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.**

There is an MOU between the College of the Florida Keys and FreshMinistries. The College of the Florida Keys will have sole ownership of the aquaponics 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