



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2312

1. Project Title 2nd Mile Ministries - As We Gather (AWG) Program

2. Senate Sponsor Bobby Powell

3. Date of Request 01/19/2022

4. Project/Program Description

The As We Gather (AWG) program aims to prevent senior isolation by implementing virtual socialization activities for at-risk seniors who reside in the urban core of Jacksonville and other under-served communities in Jacksonville, Florida. 2nd Mile Ministries has created a program where participating seniors receive direct services to help at-risk seniors communicate with their physicians via tele-health, while also participating in activities to remain healthy. Some activities include learning how to use modern technology, healthy cooking demonstrations, age appropriate crafts, and group exercise.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

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)	150,000	47%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	29,000	9%
Other	138,000	44%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	317,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

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.

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

No



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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	Salaries: Executive Director/Project Head (.13 FTE) and Program Director (.25 FTE)	20,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Salaries: Finance Director salary (.13 FTE)	5,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel expenses for administrative and program staff and program specific supplies	2,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program supplies, educational materials, printing, advertising, promotional materials, and subscription services to facilitate the program	79,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Technology Coordinator/LISC AmericCorp Volunteer, Social Service Coordinator/AmeriCorp Volunteer and Program Evaluation Consultant	44,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		150,000

12. Program Performance

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

The As We Gather (AWG) Program aims to prevent senior isolation by implementing the virtual socialization activities for at-risk seniors who reside in Brentwood and other under-served communities in Jacksonville, Florida.

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

As We Gather (AWG) will offer virtual socialization gatherings three days a week, using a commercially available video conferencing platform. Loaner equipment, mobile hot-spots and in-home support are available at no cost to eliminate participation barriers.

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

Seniors participating in virtual socialization gathering will interact with other seniors, as well as receive direct services such as participation in activities and learn information to help keep them remain healthy. Some activities conducted during the socialization gathering include healthy cooking demonstrations, age appropriate activities such as crafts, group exercise, and storytelling.

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

Elderly persons, persons with poor mental & physical health, economically disadvantaged persons, and physically disabled persons. 100-120 elderly people will be served.

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

Improve physical activity of AWG participants, reduce loneliness to improve mental health, quality of education and quality of life for at-risk elders struggling through isolation of the Covid-19 pandemic.



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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?

Unspent funds will be returned to the designated state agency.

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.

N/A



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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