



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2530

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will serve to establish a comprehensive community development consortium center: a regional collaboration to improve quality of life in underserved East Pasco communities. This holistic and integrative project will provide services that empower the communities in East Pasco to enrich themselves physically, mentally, professionally, and academically. Rather than only address the symptoms of poverty, this project will create sustainable conditions for long-term health and prosperity. Services will be culturally responsive with a focus on prevention, accountability and recovery, as well as on enhancing cooperation and synergy between community-based organizations.

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	185,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,697,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,882,000

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)	1,882,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,882,000	100%

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?



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

2 PPP loans in the amounts of \$10,540.00 each. These funds were used for payroll and employee retention.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Head - 1 Year @ full time 70,000	70,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative Assistant - 1 year @ full time 40,000	40,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	USF School of Architecture and Community Design - Community revitalization design	75,000
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	New construction of 4,000 Sq. ft. multipurpose community services facility, including demo and removal of existing buildings. Renovation of offsite Early Learning Centers in the Trilby and Mickens communities.	1,697,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,882,000

12. Program Performance

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

East Pasco is one of many places in the state that has been characterized by chronic poverty, and efforts on the part of local governments, institutions, and residents to improve quality of life have often not been adequate or sustainable. A critical but often undervalued element necessary for long-term revitalization is community engagement, a process that requires years of dedication, competence, and resourcefulness, building trust with people in impoverished areas of the state from the bottom up. Farmworkers Self Help (FSH) has spearheaded this effort in the Dade City area with technical assistance and resources provided by the Evolution Institute, a science based organization with considerable expertise in community organizing and best practices. In this way with the funds requested, the successful outcomes can serve as a template for application and adaptation not only in East Pasco but throughout Florida.

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

- Sharing knowledge and resources throughout East Pasco on early learning education best practices. This has been established through Tommytown's East Pasco Academy, and will continue starting with partners at Moore Mickens.
- Access to international programs and training from Mondragon University, an institution with high levels of expertise in business development
- Access to training and resources from National Academy of Sciences
- Increased access to Pasco-Hernando State College and other local colleges, trade and vocational schools

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



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-Drug awareness, crime prevention and related programs through collaboration with Community Engagement Unit of Sheriff's Department and Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice (CSSJ)
-Access to health services in partnership with Premier Health and with commitments from physicians, dentists, and specialists e.g. ophthalmologists to volunteer their time, equipment and staff.
-Consistent and culturally responsive access to counseling services and increased access to youth programs, athletic and social clubs, elderly programs
-Education programs for self-sufficiency in food production in partnership with UF Florida Extension office, with health benefits through access to fresh produce

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

Tommytown sits just outside Dade City limits and it's main road is a high traffic area due to its access to downtown Dade City, I-75 and State Road 301. The target population is low-income and underserved families that include but are not limited to farmworkers and immigrant workers. Since the time Farmworkers Self Help was founded to create a social safety net for immigrant workers mostly from Mexico, there has been significant change in the demographics of Tommytown and the surrounding area. In response to these changes, FSH has served all of the population that moves into the community and built relationships with nearby community based organizations such as Moore Mickens and Glorious Church in Lacoochee, Trilacoochee and Trilby. The units of service that can be expected to met in one year 32,661.

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

This project will help the organization meet its short and long term goals, which include a free health clinic, youth programs, a social entrepreneurial business incubator, affordable housing development, and fully redeveloped communities. There will be a focus on expanding the early learning program model established by East Pasco Academy into surrounding areas.
A key outcome is that the people being served will have ownership over this project. By having ownership of this center people will pull themselves and each other up, which over time will transform the community at its core. This is not a quick fix, but rather a long term commitment to sustainable change. The method for measuring benefits will include consistent data collection through the free clinic located in the community development center this request fund, as well as door to door surveying which has been done frequently in the 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?

If deliverables are not met, we will facilitate the transition of property to local government and our consortium partners so that they can best serve the public and community well-being.

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.

The owners of the facility, Farmworker's Self-Help, is also the the entity. Farmworker's Self Help currently owns land and property on the site in which the capital outlay would be used to replace the existing the facilities to accomodate the expansion of the programs.



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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