



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1895

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Food Distribution and Culinary Pathway at White Harvest Farm is a community development and training center that will provide hot meals, food distribution and license training in Culinary Arts on a 10.5 acres farm in a Food Desert community. Enrolled Culinary students that live in food deserts will prepare hot meals and distribute fresh food & vegetables to residents. This initiative will combine intensive hands-on culinary production with lectures to reinforce kitchen/culinary learning. Training graduates will be empowered to secure employment in the food service and hospitality industry. This innovative training addresses a compelling need in the workforce for undeserved residents who will gain meaningful experiences and employment in the community in a central location. For 120 years, the Clara White Mission has addressed food access and hunger relief initiatives, with a focus on healthy food to low-income families/homeless Veterans.

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

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

| Type of Funding                    | Amount         |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations                         | 400,000        |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 0              |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>400,000</b> |

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

| Type of Funding                                      | Amount         | Percentage  |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)       | 400,000        | 57%         |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                |             |
| Federal  | 0              | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0              | 0%          |
| Local  | 300,000        | 43%         |
| Other  | 0              | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b> | <b>700,000</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?**



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

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

### 13. 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  | Food Distribution Director \$50,000, Food Distribution Assistant \$20,000, Marketing & Outreach/\$46,266; Benefits \$5000 + Payroll Taxes \$9,418=\$130,684; Support Salaries: Grant Compliance/Resource Development 4 hours per week X 52 weeks x \$31.71 per hour Finance Support 5 hours per week x 52 hours per week X \$24.04 per hour;= \$12,846; Fin. Manager Oversight \$500 per month=\$6000. | 149,530        |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                | Food products \$225,500; Food supplies/equipment \$24,970.   | 250,470        |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |  | 0              |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |  |                |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      |  | 0              |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |  | <b>400,000</b> |

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Provide up to 130,000 nutritional hot cooked meals/packaged food to low income persons annually living in food desert communities. For 120 years, Clara White Mission have addressed food access and food insecurity to address hunger relief. The primary goal of this food and meal program is to intervene in the limited or lack of access to cooked and non-perishable food in a central location for distribution monthly. Low income and homeless depends on the safety-net for food availability from this agency and now a proposed initiative at White Harvest Farm, which will relieve mental and emotional stress with confirmed food scheduled.

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

Clara White Mission at White Harvest Farm is a community development and training center that will distribute hot meals and packaged food in a license training facility in Culinary Arts on a 10.5 acres farm in a Food Desert community. Enrolled Culinary students that live in food deserts will prepare hot meals and distribute fresh food and vegetables. For 120 years, the Clara White Mission has addressed food access and hunger relief initiatives, with a focus on healthy food to low-income families and homeless Vets.

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

Up to 130,000 meals will be served annually without any stipulations for residents who live in food deserts/low-income communities at White Harvest Farm, 4850 Moncrief Road, in Jacksonville. 32209. The food distribution and training program, will provide food access and hunger relief initiatives, with a focus on healthy food and training that will provide long-term sustainability. Appropriation will be a game changer.

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

The target population includes elderly, mental and physical disabled, unemployed, economically disadvantaged, At-Risk-Youth, Homeless and Ex-Offenders. Proposed to serve up to 30,000 unduplicated meals and up to 130,000 meals to low-income and homeless annually.

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

Alleviate food insecurity thereby reducing potential choices between medicine, rent, shelter, food, and potential criminal behavior (theft, assault, etc.) driven by desperation of food, which is a daily necessity. 1) Increase physical health by 80% through on-site educational activities and nutritional food information to improve and encourage exercise. 2) Increase mental well-being by preparing hot cooked meals to stimulate and improve mental capacity. Receive 90% of questionnaire engagement by Fiscal Year 2024-25.

**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?**

Clara White Mission at White Harvest Farm, will adhere to deliverables and if performance measures are not met, the penalty should be to discontinue funding.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- 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**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**