



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1044

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

West Miami requests increased funding to expand its Senior Hot Meals Program, serving Miami-Dade registered seniors with nutritious congregate and home-delivered meals. Rising costs and growing demand strain current resources, impacting service quality and reach. Beyond meals, the program provides recreational activities, participant screening, transportation, nutrition education, and staffing support. This cost-effective investment aligns with Florida's goals to support aging in place, reduce healthcare costs, and enhance quality of life for vulnerable seniors.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	200,000	42%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	69,701	15%
Local	200,000	43%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	469,701	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2025-26	69,701	0	386	No

9. Is future-year 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.

The City of West Miami will seek increased funding assistance from the Older Americans Act (OAA) through the Alliance for Aging.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

The Senior Activity Center is owned, operated and maintained by the City of West Miami. The funds will be used to benefit the growth of the Senior Activity and Multi-Generational Center for West Miami residents and Miami-Dade County as a whole.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Not Applicable	0
Other Salary and Benefits	Not Applicable	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Not Applicable	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Not Applicable	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Funds will directly help pay the salary of staff, such as the Center Coordinators who develop relationships and have direct communications with the seniors while coordinating programming and activities. They work with local health and service providers to develop programming and activities.	30,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	These funds will be used for the bus used to transport congregate seniors to and from the Senior Community Center. It will help fund delivery of meals to home-bound seniors during emergencies. And escort seniors to recreational outings such as a night at a baseball game or a local health expo.	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	These funds will directly purchase hot meals from a contracted third-party. The meals purchased will be distributed to both congregate and home-bound seniors 7-days a week including Holidays, and times of emergency accommodations are also made to provide meals.	140,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)

200,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will expand and sustain West Miami's Senior Hot Meals Program, ensuring registered seniors receive daily nutritious meals, transportation, and wellness services. The goal is to eliminate wait lists, improve service quality, and support aging in place for vulnerable older adults.

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

Funds will support daily hot meal delivery (including holidays), transportation to the Senior Center and recreational outings, nutrition education, wellness screenings, and staffing costs for program coordination and oversight.

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

Direct services include home-delivered and congregate meals, transportation for seniors to activities and health events, recreational programming, nutrition education, and personalized wellness assessments - all coordinated through the city's Senior Center staff with community partners.

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

Senior citizen aged persons in Miami-Dade County near and around the City of West Miami.

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

The project will improve senior health, reduce isolation, and increase access to essential services. Outcomes will be measured by tracking meals served, participation rates, satisfaction surveys, and reductions in wait lists for services.

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 in the contract?

A reasonable penalty is the withholding of funds if we fail to meet deliverables or performance measures are not met.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:



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b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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) Municipality

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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