



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1149

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Elder Meals for Seniors Program supports elderly residents of Miami-Dade County by providing home-delivered meals to those who are homebound and congregate meals at senior centers. Transportation is included for center participants, with drivers assisting passengers and ensuring safety, especially for those in wheelchairs. The program also works to reduce social isolation and improve nutritional health through annual assessments, while preventing duplication of services from other providers.

Additionally, respite care is offered to caregivers of frail, homebound older adults, giving them time to rest or attend to personal needs.

The program will serve 21,020 congregate meals, 622 emergency congregate meals, 13,195 home delivered meals, 316 home delivered emergency meals. Caregivers will receive a total of 7,822 hours of service. An estimated 260 unduplicated clients will be served.

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	395,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	395,000

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)	395,000	11%
Matching Funds		
Federal	2,641,972	75%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	130,480	4%
Local	340,357	10%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	3,507,809	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	334,770	0	386	Yes

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

No alternate funding available.

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)?

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.

LHANC is 501(c)3 organization with no owners. Please see attached list of voluntary board members.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for the Home Health Agency RN Administrator and Meals Program Administrator. They oversee day-to-day operations and supervise staff of their respective programs.	28,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits of the accounting staff assigned to this program.	8,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Direct service personnel who provide nursing visits. Case management services and service coordination of respite services. Meals program personnel who provide direct service in our senior centers & conduct assessments of clients, coordinate meals distribution, center activities & cleaning. Home delivered meals distribution, assessments and client satisfaction surveys.	73,715
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies of gloves, wipes and other supplies needed by the CNA's providing direct care. Supplies needed by the senior centers to keep facilities, meal distribution, restrooms and eating areas clean.	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	21,020 congregate meals at \$4.00/meal - \$84,080 938 emergency meals at \$8.00/meal - \$7,504 13,195 frozen home delivered meals at \$5.03/meal - \$66,371 7,822 CNA visits at \$15.00/visit - \$117,330	275,285



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Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:

Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		395,000

13. Program Performance

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

Congregate Meals: Funds requested to provide hot meals to participants in a senior center environment who will maintain or improve their nutrition score and prevent social isolation.
Home Delivered Meals: Funds requested to deliver frozen meals to frail, homebound elderly who will also maintain or improve their nutrition score.
Emergency Meals: Funds requested to provide emergency meals in preparation of a natural disaster or hurricane.
Respite: Funds requested to ensure that caregivers can continue to provide the primary care for the frail, homebound elderly which will mitigate state and community resources from being utilized while keeping the older adult living in their community.

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

Congregate Meals: 21,020 congregate meals will be provided to 200 unduplicated elderly persons 60 years of age or older.
Home Delivered Meals: 13,195 home delivered meals will be provided to 60 unduplicated elderly homebound persons 60 years of age or older.
Emergency Meals: 938 emergency meals will be provided to 188 unduplicated elderly persons 60 years of age or older.
Respite: An estimated 45 caregivers will receive approximately 7,822 hours of respite services, at an average of 2 hours of respite care per day, 2 times per week. Direct care includes assistance with bathing, light household chores, and companionship. These activities provide the caregiver with respite from the day-to-day activities of caring for a frail, homebound adult 60 years of age or older.

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

Congregate Meals: Funds requested will be used to provide 21,020 congregate meals to 200 unduplicated senior center participants.
Home Delivered Meals: Funds will be used to provide 13,195 home delivered meals to 60 unduplicated homebound elderly participants.
Emergency Meals: Funds will be used to provide 938 emergency meals to 188 unduplicated elderly participants in preparation of a natural disaster or hurricane.
Respite: Funds will be used to provide to 45 caregivers 7,822 hours of respite care services in their homes.

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

Congregate Meals: Elderly persons 60 years of age or older. Approximately 200 individuals are expected to be served.
Home Delivered Meals: Frail, homebound elderly clients 60 years of age or older. Approximately 60 individuals are expected to receive one (1) frozen meal a day, 5 days a week. Eligibility is defined by the DOEA Program and Services Handbook.
Emergency Meals: Congregate and Home Delivered Meal clients 60 years of age or older. Approximately 188 individuals are expected to receive emergency meals.
Respite: An estimated 45 caregivers of frail, homebound elderly persons 60 years of age or older are expected to receive respite services.

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



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Congregate Meals: Outcome: 66% of clients receiving meals will maintain or improve their nutrition score. Methodology: Compare initial assessment score to annual reassessment score utilizing the DOEA Uniform Assessment Tool 701.
Home Delivered Meals: Outcome: 65% of clients receiving meals will maintain or improve their nutrition score. Methodology: Compare initial assessment score to annual reassessment score utilizing the DOEA Uniform Assessment Tool 701.
Respite: Outcome 1: 65% of clients ADL/IDL score is maintained or improved. Methodology: DOEA client assessment/reassessment score comparison. Outcome 2: 89% of family and family assisted caregivers are very likely to provide care to their loved ones with this service. Methodology: satisfaction surveys.

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?

Return of State funds

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#:

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):



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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)
d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.