



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1218

1. Project Title Food & Nutrition for All Collaborative South Florida – Community Food Access & Resilience

2. Senate Sponsor Alexis Calatayud

3. Date of Request 11/19/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The Food & Nutrition for All (FNFA) Collaborative is a county-wide, multi-sector initiative that coordinates food distribution, emergency food relief, and nutrition access resources across high-need communities in Miami-Dade County. The program activates trusted community partners, trained Community Liaisons, and a digital food-finder platform to connect residents to real-time, vetted opportunities in their neighborhood. Together we are reducing barriers to healthy food while strengthening emergency preparedness, community engagement, and health access in the long-term.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Health

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 250,000

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

We've secured \$250,000 per year (2026 - 2027) through funding from the Quest Foundation.



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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)?

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Partial allocation of salary and fringe for UHP's Executive Director and program leadership to oversee implementation, strategic alignment, and fiscal management of the FNFA Community Food Access & Resilience Program.	30,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Partial salaries and benefits for key administrative personnel including Project Manager, Calendar & Data Coordinator, Mini-Grant Management, and administrative support staff responsible for scheduling, documentation, reporting, and internal logistics.	45,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Includes technology subscriptions (Monday.com, Base 44, Canva Pro, cloud storage, etc.), basic printing, office supplies, mileage reimbursement, and other overhead for administrative operations.	12,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted support for project evaluation, communications strategy, reporting, and specialized consulting (e.g., GIS mapping, digital access, multilingual translation services).	30,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Stipends and wages for Community Liaisons (CLs), Wellness Day facilitators, and other frontline staff delivering direct services, community engagement, and event coordination throughout the 12-month period.	85,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds to support technology, materials, and infrastructure needed for outreach, data systems, and program delivery, including upgrades to equipment, digital platforms, and physical improvements to enhance community food access and coordination capacity.	104,000



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds to engage community-based organizations, mutual aid groups, and trusted messengers in delivering Wellness Days, outreach, nutrition education, and food distribution. Includes mini-grants for local partners and support for data collection, language access, and culturally relevant implementation.	194,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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

This request will support food access coordination and resilience in Districts 38, focusing on the most vulnerable areas and populations and increasing the reach of critical nutrition resources. Through direct support, calendar/map systems, partner-led programming, and community-led outreach, this work addresses gaps in service delivery and ensures families can access healthy food, in their neighborhoods, especially in times of need.

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

The FNFA initiative will strengthen local food systems and improve nutrition access by upgrading infrastructure at six food access sites (e.g., pantries, farms, hubs); hosting 24+ Wellness Days featuring food distributions, preventive health screenings, and nutrition education; supporting six culturally tailored nutrition workshops and six garden-based learning sessions; sustaining a countywide Community Food Finder platform (directory, calendar, and map); awarding \$150,000 in mini-grants to grassroots organizations; and advancing shared data infrastructure and coordination across sectors. All services will prioritize vulnerable communities in the region.

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

The appropriation will directly support residents by expanding access to free, healthy food through coordinated distributions, community fridges, and gardens; offering culturally grounded nutrition education and health screenings; providing real-time resource navigation through the FNFA Community Food Finder tool; and funding local organizations that deliver essential food relief services. These efforts will prioritize food-insecure communities across Senate District 38 and throughout the region.

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

- Low-income families
- Uninsured or underinsured individuals
- Elderly adults
- Families with children
- Families experiencing crisis, unemployment, or disaster impacts

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 improve food and nutrition access for residents in Miami-Dade, especially in District 38. It will support partners in hosting food distributions, provide 10+ mini-grants for community-based services, and expand the FNFA Community Food Finder to help residents locate free food and support. Impact will be measured through the number of residents reached, events held, and partner activities, along with survey feedback and usage data from the Food Finder platform.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in non-payment.

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

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



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- ☐ 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):

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**



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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.