



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1428

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Food & non-food service for elderly, children & families in need. Wakulla County has a high % of elderly on fixed incomes. Many residents face food insecurity, lack reliable transportation, and cannot afford consistent access to nutritious food. Wakulla Giving Hands fills this critical gap by delivering food directly to shut-in seniors and providing large scale community food distributions. Without sustained State support, 100's of vulnerable households will go without adequate nutrition.

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	329,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	729,000

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)	729,000	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 2026-2027	729,000	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		

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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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?

01/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/01/2026

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

Various private corporate grants and private contributions.

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 owners of the current building Wakulla Giving Hands, Inc. (WGH) rents is: Byrd Family Properties, LLC. When WGH receives the money to purchase the building from the Byrd Family, WGH will also use the funds to expand and repair the current building we are renting. The Byrd Family is willing to sale the building to WGH.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Coolers/Freezers (\$15K), Food and Nonfood (\$50K), Supplies (\$10K), Operations (\$50K), Forklift (\$96K), Electric Pallet Jack (\$7K), 2 Trucks (\$70K), Enclosed Trailer (\$5K), Gas for Drivers (\$26K = 10 Drivers @ \$50 Each Week = \$500 @ 52 Weeks)	329,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Buy Current Building (\$400k), Do Repairs, Purchase New Air Conditioner, Purchase Generator, Expand Building	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		729,000

13. Program Performance

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

Support weekly food distributions serving low-income families. Provide home delivery of groceries to elderly and disabled citizens including Hospice patients and cover fuel costs for drivers. Support TSC Culinary Program at Wakulla High School. Expand storage capacity (refrigerators/freezers). Cover transportation costs (fuel) for food pick-up from retailers assigned by Second Harvest. Purchase staple foods and nutritional supplements not otherwise donated.

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



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

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

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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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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?

Discontinue future funding.

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)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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