



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1594

1. Project Title Osceola Council on Aging Home Delivered Meals for Rural Seniors Program

2. Senate Sponsor Kristen Arrington

3. Date of Request 11/19/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will be utilized to provide over 40,000 meals to over 75 seniors residing in rural sections of Osceola County who are on the Meals on Wheels program wait-list. The Osceola Council on Aging Home Delivered Meals program prioritizes homebound seniors with limited or no access to meals, to help prevent their risk of malnutrition and social isolation. The need for home delivered meals for homebound seniors at risk is greater than the current level of funding.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Elder Affairs

State Agency contacted? Yes

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	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	400,000	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. 200,000

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

There are no additional funding sources identified in lieu of state funding at this time to meet the growing needs of the under served low income seniors at risk living in the Osceola community.



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1594

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cost to produce and deliver the meals	200,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
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 requested funds will be utilized to provide over 40,000 meals to over 75 seniors residing in rural areas of Osceola County who are on the Meals on Wheels program wait-list. The Osceola Council on Aging Home Delivered Meals program prioritizes homebound seniors with limited or no access to nutritious meals, to help prevent their risk of malnutrition and social isolation.

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1594

Trained caring volunteers and staff members will provide in-person delivery of nutritious meals. All meals are planned by a registered dietitian to ensure a balanced meal that meets the state and federal guidelines for seniors, and the in-person delivery provides a much needed social connection to each senior.

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

Nutritious meals will be provided to homebound seniors by trained volunteers and staff, who will also provide social interaction and check on each senior's well-being during each meal delivery.

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

Low-income and disadvantaged seniors age 60 and older who are homebound with limited access to nutritious meals. The goal is to serve at least 75 seniors continuously throughout the fiscal year.

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

Delivering healthy balanced meals in-person to homebound seniors will reduce the risk of malnutrition, improve quality of health and provide much needed socialization to support independent living in the community. The outcome will be measured by utilizing standardized Department of Elder Affairs assessment metrics, number of meals delivered, and program enrollment duration.

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?

In the event Osceola Council on Aging does not meet deliverable requirements, the Osceola Council on Aging will return the funding proportional to the unmet measure. A Corrective Action Plan will be submitted for approval and implemented, as required. Repeat failures to meet deliverables may result in future funding reductions.

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:



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1594

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

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1594

d. Phone Number

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