



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1621

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this project, submitted for consideration under the Golden Silver Senior Program, is to enhance the quality of life for older adults by supporting services that foster independence, social connection, and overall well-being. Program funds will be used to ensure consistent access to nutritious weekly meals, addressing food insecurity, providing recreational activities, transportation services, and regular opportunities for community engagement. Additionally, the program will offer educational and enrichment activities designed to promote cognitive health, reduce social isolation, and encourage lifelong learning. Transportation services will further support access to community resources and participation in senior program offerings.

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	586,440
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>586,440</b>

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)	586,440	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>586,440</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.



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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?

N/A

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.

N/A

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The Senior Program provides over 600 nutritious breakfast and lunch meals each week, ensuring participants receive balanced, senior-friendly options that cater to various dietary needs and cultural likes. In addition to meals, the program maintains comprehensive programming through, recreational activities, transportation services, health & wellness forums, interactive field trips and workshops. With sustained funding, the program can expand its reach, enhance meal quality, and introduce complem	586,440
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>586,440</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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The requested funds will ensure the continued success of the Golden Silver Senior Program, a vital initiative that empowers older adults to age in place with dignity, independence, and connection. Through consistent access to nutritious weekly meals, engaging educational activities, health and wellness seminars, and enriching community field trips, the program fosters a supportive environment that prioritizes well-being in the least restrictive setting possible. These weekly meals do more than alleviate food insecurity as they serve as meaningful touch-points for social engagement, helping participants build relationships, stay active, and maintain their autonomy. Each service is thoughtfully designed to promote physical health, mental stimulation, and emotional resilience; creating a holistic support system for seniors who might otherwise face isolation or hardship.

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

The funding will be used to provide participants with nutritious breakfast and lunch, access to health and wellness classes, and essential supplies. Additionally, the funding will enable the initiation of evidence-based programs that foster social engagement and promote aging in place, ensuring that seniors remain active, connected, and supported within their communities.

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

The Golden Silver Senior Program in North Miami will deliver a comprehensive range of direct services designed to support the health, independence, and overall well-being of local seniors. These services will be offered on a weekly basis and include nutritious meals to address food insecurity, wellness and fitness activities to promote physical strength and mobility, arts and crafts to encourage creativity, and educational workshops that stimulate mental engagement. Additional direct services include organized field trips and social events that foster community connection, as well as informational workshops that provide valuable resources and guidance. Each activity is thoughtfully tailored to enhance balance, mental awareness, and social interaction, creating a holistic and supportive environment for senior participants.

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

The project will serve senior citizens aged 60 and older, reaching a vast group of more than 300 local participants each week. The senior program will provide approximately 600 nutritious meals weekly and host over 20 educational and evidence-based activities each month that promote health, wellness, and social engagement. To further enrich the experience, quarterly interactive field trips will be organized, offering opportunities for exploration and connection. To ensure accessibility for all participants, the program will also provide transportation services to about 500 seniors monthly, helping seniors stay active, independent, and engaged within their community.

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

The primary outcome of this project is to improve the overall well-being, social engagement, and independence of senior citizens aged 60 and older. By providing consistent access to nutritious meals, health and wellness education, transportation, and evidence-based programming, the initiative aims to reduce social isolation, enhance physical and mental health, and support aging in place. Participants will experience increased community connection, improved health literacy, and greater access to essential services. To evaluate the success of the program, the following methods will be used: Attendance Tracking: Weekly participation logs will monitor the number of seniors attending meals, classes, and field trips. Pre- and Post-Surveys: Participants will complete surveys assessing changes in health knowledge, social engagement, and satisfaction with services. Transportation Logs: Monthly reports will document the number and type of transportation services provided.

**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 addition to standard penalties outlined in the contract, the contracting agency may consider implementing supplemental measures to ensure accountability and program integrity. These may include withholding a portion of future payments until corrective actions are taken, requiring a formal performance improvement plan with defined timelines, reducing the scope of services or funding allocation, or suspending eligibility for future contracts until compliance is restored.

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.*