



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1925

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida's School Partnerships program works with local schools across seven counties to provide nutritious food to children and families experiencing food insecurity. Through onsite school pantries and fresh markets, students and families receive fresh produce, healthy snacks, and shelf-pantry staples during the academic year. The program leverages school infrastructure to improve food security and support the health, wellbeing, and academic success of students. Additionally, schools with onsite pantries provide students the opportunity to manage the market, gaining hands-on experience in inventory management, budgeting, and building other workforce readiness skills. This project strengthens household stability, supports local agriculture, and promotes long-term community resilience by ensuring that children and families have reliable access to nutritious food needed to thrive in school, work, and life.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</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)	500,000	48%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	75,000	7%
Other	465,000	45%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>1,040,000</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		
		0		

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)?

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Project expenses include costs for supplies and materials, equipment, food resources, and transportation of food resources.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<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>500,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The funds will expand and strengthen Second Harvest Food Bank's School Partnerships program, providing nutritious food to more children and families experiencing food insecurity in Central Florida. By leveraging partnerships with local schools, the program improves access to healthy food during the academic year, supporting household stability and fostering the development of essential workforce readiness skills for students.

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



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Second Harvest's School Partnerships program works with schools across 7 counties to ensure children and families have access to nutritious food during the academic year via onsite pantries. Second Harvest provides onboard training for school staff and enhances site capacity through essential supplies, materials, and equipment such as shelving, carts, and signage.

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

Second Harvest will provide direct distribution of nutritious food resources including snacks, shelf-stable pantry essentials, and fresh produce during the academic year. At schools with onsite pantries, students gain hands-on experience in managing food distribution while building essential life and workforce skills such as budgeting and communication.

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

The project serves children and families experiencing economic hardship across Central Florida. Second Harvest anticipates reaching approximately 150,000 students through ongoing distributions during the academic year, with many individuals potentially being served more than once as part of ensuring continued access to nutritious food.

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

The project will improve family and community wellbeing by increasing access to nutritious food, strengthening physical health and mental wellbeing, and reducing hunger-related barriers to education and self-sufficiency. Additionally, the program supports local agriculture, improved student engagement and attendance, and greater household stability which contributes to our community's long-term prosperity. Outcomes will be measured through a combination of quantitative metrics tracked such as total pounds of food distributed, number of households served, number of student interactions, and number of schools reached and pre-/post-surveys to assess awareness of food security and changes in wellbeing. Second Harvest uses a tracking software system called Primarius and Excel to tracking program outputs and outcomes.

**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?**

The project will be on a reimbursement basis. Second Harvest will submit invoices to the State for payment as benchmarks or outcomes are met at regular intervals. Second Harvest will not receive funding if targets are not met.

**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.



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#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

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