



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1168

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Senior Friendship Centers operates nationally recognized senior centers in Sarasota and Venice that serve as the safety net hub serving a diverse population of community seniors and their caregivers. The buildings were constructed in 1988 (25,000 sq ft Sarasota) and 1990 (20,000 sq ft Venice) and are desperately in need of updating -- hurricane-grade doors/windows, elevators, plumbing, floors, paint, lighting, hearing impaired sound system, and furnishings. These improvements will ensure the Centers are safe, appropriately equipped, and ready to serve the next generation of seniors in southwest Florida.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	35,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	965,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	33%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

2 rounds of PPP = \$1,699,718 for payroll and covid-related costs
 CARES Act = \$2,468,004 for meals, caregiver supports, in-home care related to covid
 HCV21 = \$782,375 for home delivered senior meals, and home-bound elder supports

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

late 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

mid-2024

12. 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.

Erin McLeod, President & CEO
 David Blehar, CFO/COO

13. 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: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted architect, space planning fees	35,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Permitting fees, materials and labor for construction and renovation of senior center.	965,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

An architect/space planner will provide fresh re-design of senior center interior space; old elevators will be replaced; old acoustic ceiling tiles will be replaced with modern ceiling design; old plate windows will be replaced with energy efficient materials saving on utilities as well as being safer; and other redesign to modernize existing spaces.

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

Services delivered in this space include: coordination of home delivered meals and a daily congregate lunch for older adults (Older Americans Act program); wellness programming including falls prevention, exercise and education; crisis intervention, benefits assistance, and grief and loss counseling; access to community resources including tax and legal counseling; volunteerism, socialization and lifelong learning programs, and more.

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

Older adults aged 55+; many with poor mental/physical health; jobless; economically disadvantaged; physically disabled. Approximately 2,000 current members with anticipated growth after the facility is updated.

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

Improved physical health: 90% of participants will report an increase in physical activity by participating in Senior Center activities; 85% Balance Movement participants have not sustained a fall since taking the Balance Movement class.
 Improved mental health: 90% Senior Center participants will report a reduction in isolation and loneliness because of engaging in Senior Center programming.
 Improved economic circumstance: 90% of clients assisted will report improved financial stability after receiving assistance/counsel.
 Methodology: Quarterly client satisfaction surveys.

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 the contract?

Unused portion of funding will be returned to the State of Florida.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number