



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2832

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

4. Project/Program Description

Sprout Up is a three-tiered program and community-driven project designed to address food insecurity, education on healthy food, and job scarcity in South Dade. Sprout Up provides necessary resources and develops impactful programs to assist residents within communities with a proactive three-phase approach to address social determinants of health & reduce disparities in access to healthy foods. The Sprout Up Food Distribution Program is designed to give access to healthy, nutritious food to children and families living in underserved/rural communities. This will be achieved through weekly food distributions, community aeroponic gardens in these communities, and education on healthy foods and eating.

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
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	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,000,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	2,000,000	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.**
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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.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The Executive Director will oversee program activities throughout Florida with program partners and provide direct services. A significant portion of their time and a commensurate portion of salary will be assigned to this program.	40,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Staff will compile data, coordinate distributions at various sites, work alongside volunteers in aeroponic gardens, and prepare reports.	20,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies required include office supplies, reusable grocery bags, parent academy materials, aeroponic gardens, gardening supplies and printing supplies as well as travel among sites throughout Florida	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	The program will require a program manager, master gardener, and driver to facilitate the distributions and aeroponic community gardens for the families that will be served.	20,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	To provide services to families in underserved and rural communities, funding is required for staff to travel to facilitate the distributions and oversee the community aeroponic gardens. Supplies required include food for distributions, backpacks for the Backpack Fridays distributions, aeroponic gardens, along with the supplies and materials for the aeroponic gardens.	900,000
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)		1,000,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The Sprout Up Food Distribution Program is designed to give access to healthy, nutritious food to children and families living in under-served/rural communities. This will be achieved through weekly food distributions, community aeroponic gardens in these communities, and education on healthy foods and eating.

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

Activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds include weekly food distributions at multiple sites (including backpacks that will be packed with food and distributed to children who otherwise would not have food to eat when school is closed), aeroponic community gardens that will be established in communities to teach residents about healthy, nutritious food.

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

Direct services that will be provided to citizens include weekly food distributions (including backpack Fridays that will provide school-aged children in need with backpacks filled with food each Friday), creation of community aeroponic gardens, healthy food education, and education on aeroponic gardening.

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

The target population that will be served are residents of under-served communities which are disproportionately black and hispanic. The target population also includes elderly persons, at-risk youth, grade school and high school students, and any other individuals that are in need of free healthy food. We expect to serve at least 800 families a week.

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

Patrons of the food distribution program will benefit with improved physical health as a result of having regular meals to combat the effects of malnourishment. Patrons will provide height and weight information to staff at the start of the food distribution and in six month intervals.

Patrons mental health will improve as they take advantage of the community aeroponic gardens where they will be able to interact with other patrons of the gardens and through the healthy fruits, vegetables and herbs they will be able to eat from the garden. Surveys will be given to patrons prior to the start of the gardens at in six month intervals to measure gains.

Agricultural education will take place through the community aeroponic gardens that will teach patrons about alternative gardening methods. Surveys will be given to patrons prior to the start of the gardens and at the end of each cohort.

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?

We anticipate meeting/exceeding all deliverables and performance measures provided in the contract.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number