



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1915

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

4. Project/Program Description

Expansion of Hunger Fight's "Foods for Their Bellies, Books for Their Brains" programs in 13 counties in Northeast and Central Florida, plus three counties in big bend area. These programs provide weekend nutrition to "Title 1" elementary children, but who may face up to 65 hours without food over the weekend. The program also provides age-appropriate books each month to children age 0-5 to help develop emergent literacy skills improving kindergarten readiness.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	400,000	10%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	3,700,000	90%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	4,100,000	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?

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



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PPP Loan Forgiven - \$85,028.62, ERC - \$216,962.72, and EIDL Advance \$15,000. These funds were used for payroll and rent.

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
 N/A

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

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2024

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.

Sherri Porter (CEO) Hunger Fight.

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	Truck (55K), Forklift (40K), Industrial Storage Racking System to fit needs of building under construction. (\$51K), Industrial Dishwasher (\$18K), Pallet wrapping machine (\$7K), To purchase raw materials for an additional million meals back into community, and 200,000 Books (\$229K)	400,000
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)		400,000

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?

Hunger Fight will be providing local centralized space to host multiple packing events, allowing us to provide millions of additional meals, and tens of thousands of books back into the community on an annual basis. It will allow us to quadruple existing production and distribution.

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

Funding will allow for increased provision of weekend meals to Title 1 elementary children at risk for hunger and food-insecurity as well as provision of books to children ages 0-5 to fight illiteracy in our communities.

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

At-risk youth, economically disadvantaged persons, grade school students, homeless, and preschool students.

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

Better attendance and health - less sick days (better school attendance, better appearance), cognitive ability to sit still and learn (teacher and administration responses). Better communication, (better attitude, better focus), provision of books to children ages 0-5 to develop emergent literacy skills better preparing them for academic success (teacher surveys for the literacy program).

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?

Delay or loss of funding if deliverables are not met.

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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number