



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1539

1. Project Title Council on Aging of Martin County, Inc. Indiantown Senior Resource Center

2. Senate Sponsor Gayle Harrell

3. Date of Request 02/16/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Funds awarded will allow the Council on Aging of Martin County to meet the goal of providing high quality services to seniors, who already gather daily for a healthy meal in the underserved community of Indiantown. With the move to a new facility, we are able to serve more seniors from the entire community and provide essential programs that enable seniors to live more full and fulfilling lives and live independently, longer in their own homes. Providing expanded and additional services to seniors in this economically disadvantaged opportunity zone will greatly help this community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Elder Affairs

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	64%
Matching Funds		
Federal	53,000	14%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	53,000	14%
Local	0	0%
Other	30,000	8%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	386,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 250,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

If we are unable to receive State Funding to help needy seniors in the Village of Indiantown, we would have to solicit donations from private grants and donors.

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



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Yes

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

The Council on Aging of Martin County received \$593,300 in PPP loans, which were forgiven and \$150,000 SBA Disaster Loan which must be repaid. The Council also received \$10,000 EIDL. Our medical clinic received \$63,938 in HHS Stimulus for lost revenues. We provide services throughout Martin County for seniors and this assistance was used for projects throughout the County.

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Salary and employer payroll taxes for Adult Day Manager and Finance/Accounting to process both grants receivable and private pay receivables, payroll, and accounts payable vendor invoices. We are estimating 5% of the Adult Day Care Manager and 2% of Finance/Accounting.	9,300
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Payroll costs for Indiantown Program Coordinator, PT Case Manager, PT ARNP, and IMEP (Mind/Memory) Instructor.	141,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent, insurance, equipment, transportation, supplies, marketing/advertising, signage.	82,700
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Dietician and outside instructors for various senior classes.	17,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The funding would allow us to expand services offered at our existing congregate meal site in Indiantown. This project, More Than a Meal, is an extension of our Meals on Wheels program. Seniors who are able and want to socialize gather for their noontime meals. We request support to expand outreach and program offerings to senior residents. We will also expand services to cover social activities, memory enhancement, healthcare and nutrition counseling.

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

Expansion of our congregate meal site in Indiantown will include a case manager navigator to help seniors in crisis, a part-time nutritionist to provide nutrition counseling and education, a part-time Nurse Practitioner to identify health needs and gaps in care and improve access to healthcare services and memory enhancement services, as well as informative and fun activities will also be provided

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

A variety of services will be provided to needy seniors including congregate meals, social activities, case management, nutrition counseling and education, medical services and memory enhancement services.

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

The Village of Indiantown has a senior population over 65 years of age of 18.3% or over 1,200. The Village has a higher proportion than the Florida average of minorities and has a higher poverty level at 19.7% vs. the State of Florida average of 13.1%. The Village is currently limited on both businesses, social services and healthcare. There is no major hospital in the Village and many senior residents either forgo routine healthcare or have to travel into the City of Stuart, Florida (an approximate 20+ mile distance) to access healthcare. The Village is considered economically disadvantaged and is a designated Opportunity Zone. We anticipate helping between 400-800 needy seniors.

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

Providing these services will delay or eliminate the need for assisted living and/or skilled nursing placement. It would reduce emergency room and hospital admissions, improve physical strength and endurance. It would also improve mental health and cognitive decline. Seniors face increased health issues stemming from poor nutrition hunger and isolation. Memory enhancement programs are proven to help delay or prevent cognitive decline.

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?

If the Council on Aging of Martin County Inc. is not meeting the deliverables or performance not outlined in the contract, then the State has the option to cancel the contract for these services.

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



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- ☐ 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