



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3603

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Weekend Meal Backpack program providing 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners to homeless and food insecure students in Manatee County - delivered to 59 schools - currently serving 1,752 children.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	455,505
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>455,505</b>

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)	455,505	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>455,505</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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

Grants, private donors, corporate sponsors and fundraising

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

No

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



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## 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)?

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase of all food items for the weekend program; backpacks and bags.	455,505
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>455,505</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

Received funding will enable Feeding Empty Little Tummys to purchase food in bulk - thus saving financially while providing more food for additional students. In addition, we will purchase supplies needed for the program.

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

The funds will provide weekend meal backpacks containing six meals (meeting the caloric intake as provided by the Dietetics Department of the University of Florida) to the students on the program.

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



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The direct services are weekend meal backpacks delivered to Manatee County schools for homeless and food insecure students.

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

The target population is children ages of 3 years of age to 18 years of age. FELT is currently feeding 1,725 children. We have a waiting list of 35+ children waiting to join the program.

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

Studies show children who receive weekly/weekend meals show significant improvement with emotional health and gain positive reinforcement when they possess/present positive behavior and acceptance. Healthy and vibrant students are more likely to participate in classroom activities. This not only ensure their positive education experience, it provides the whole class with a positive experience.

**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?**

FELT would forfeit any remaining funding and future funding. The Board of Directors would take action in addition to the state.

**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

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number