



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2323

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hope Connections provides congregate meals, transportation, and home delivered meals to frail low income seniors that live in food deserts in Glades and Hendry counties. Due to the high cost of providing these meals to rural and under-served areas, supplemental funds are requested to continue providing these critical meals to seniors in the Glades and Hendry area, which are designated as food deserts. With these funds, Hope Connections will not need to reduce the number of weekly meals provided to participants (from 3.5 to 2) due to a gap in funding for food and services. The program will also be able to continue all care required to keep clients living in their own homes rather than being placed in facilities.

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                         | 400,000        |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 0              |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>400,000</b> |

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)       | 400,000        | 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 2023-2024</b> | <b>400,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>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.

## 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         |
|--|---|----------------|
| <b>Administrative Costs:</b>   |   |                |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits                    |   | 0              |
| Other Salary and Benefits  |   | 0              |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                | All funds will flow directly through Hope Connections, who will provide prepared congregate meals to frail low income seniors in food desert areas of Glades and Hendry counties. | 400,000        |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |   | 0              |
| <b>Operational Costs: Other</b>  |   |                |
| Salary and Benefits  |   | 0              |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |   | 0              |
| 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>400,000</b> |

### 14. Program Performance

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

Due to the high cost of providing these meals to rural and under-served areas, supplemental funds are requested to continue providing these critical meals to seniors in the Glades and Hendry area, which are designated as food deserts.

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



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100% of the funds will flow through Hope Connections to serve frail low income seniors by providing congregate meals, transportation, and home delivered meals in food desert areas of Glades and Hendry counties.

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

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

The target population includes elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, economically disadvantaged persons, physically disabled, and frail low income seniors living in food deserts. The target population size is expected to be 401-800 persons served.

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

This project will improve physical health by providing proper nutrition to frail seniors in food deserts. It will also improve mental health by providing socialization that is proven to decrease depression. The project also improves transportation conditions by providing rides to congregate meal sites. All of these benefits can be measured via data metrics collected by Hope Connections that include the # of meals provided, transportation trips to congregate site, etc per month.

**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?**

Hope Healthcare will manage and track the number of transportation trips to congregate meal sites on a monthly basis. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be able to monitor our progress by viewing data regarding meals provided.

**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