



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2537

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Feed Unite Flourish will serve over 250,000 food insecure people across Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee Counties. Infrastructure Expansion: build a 132,000 sq. foot purpose-designed warehouse facility to meet needs of low-income, food insecure families including Florida's 6th largest city. Designed to meet projected 76% increase in food and disaster relief. Workforce Development: Put the Treasure Coast back to work through creation of jobs by capital project and wraparound program service expansion.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,250,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,250,000

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)	1,250,000	4%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	8,250,000	26%
Other	22,500,000	70%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	32,000,000	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.

Revenue from produce production contracts and revenue from donor investments and other contract revenue.

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.

\$445,000 PPP funds. Monies were used to support staff salaries, as work continued during COVID Pandemic. \$950,000 from St. Lucie County and \$1.8 million from Indian River County in CARES funding. The funds were used for the purchase, storage, and distribution of additional emergency food in response to COVID-19.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

February 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

January 2025

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.

The facility is owned by Treasure Coast Food Bank, a non profit.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funding will be used for facility design, engineering, land clearing, property development and construction.	1,250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,250,000

14. Program Performance

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



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To serve the 250,000 food insecure people across the Treasure Coast service area, Treasure Coast Food Bank has embarked on a capital effort to build a phase one 132,000 sq. foot purpose designed facility that will meet the projected demand for food relief and disaster preparedness/meal production while also housing wraparound services, such as health screening, nutrition education, financial literacy, job training and more. As a result, food distribution capacity will be increased by 76%.

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

The facility will not only meet the projected demand for food relief and disaster preparedness across 4 counties while supporting 300 partners, but also provide wraparound services including health screening, nutrition education, financial literacy, job training, additional capacity for deployment for social enterprise programs and more.

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

In addition to serving 28 million meals annually, the facility will have 20,000 sq. feet set aside for our job training center and community partner program services, a community room with public meeting space available to local non-profits, businesses, and organizations, and increase capacity for disaster preparedness and emergency response.

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

Elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, university/college students and small business entrepreneurs. The program will serve over 250,000 annually.

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

Offering 28 million meals per year, 80% of which are considered foods to encourage that lead directly to better community health. Medical screenings and prescription meals, through partnerships with health care organizations for medically at-risk individuals and senior citizens, will improve physical health based on our work with the Food is Medicine Coalition Accelerator Program. Track the number of people provided health screenings and healthy meals as well as outcomes related to interventions. Create household income through job training and ancillary services, returning 275-450 people to the workforce every year. Track the number of job training program participants trained and employed. The facility's centralized social services partnership model and our case management services build individual and family capacity by providing access to important benefits and connecting people to resources and opportunities that enable self-sufficiency. Track number of users at local facility.

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?

Failing to meet deliverables and performance measures would result in loss of funding.

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