



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1191

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Feeding Tampa Bay's FRESHforce program provides workforce development and on-the-job training to individuals in Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Manatee, and Hardee County with barriers to employment. FRESHforce offers courses across 3 different industries: culinary, warehouse logistics, and truck driving. These funds will support four ten-week cohorts of trainees (6 drivers/12 warehouse per cohort).

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	509,060
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	509,060

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)	509,060	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	509,060	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.

Private donations.

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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In FY21 and FY22, Feeding Tampa Bay received \$18,983,116 (CARES, EFSP CARES, ARPA, and TEFAP) to increase food distribution efforts in its service areas.

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
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	Trainees receive a paid stipend throughout their 10-week training.	288,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Class related expenses, such as training materials, software, and uniforms for four ten-week cohorts of trainees.	221,060
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)		509,060

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?



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All candidates who come through the FRESHforce program receive a bi-weekly stipend during the 10-weeks of training and grow their employability skills, as the course implements soft skills learning, such as customer service, interviewing techniques, conflict resolution, resume writing and more; all the while, earning industry-standard certifications to enhance their job prospects post-graduation.

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

Drivers receive Class B license and DOT physical. Drivers and warehouse operators receive food handlers certification, forklift, OSHA, office suite certification, employability skills, and opportunities to engage with employers. Case management and a stipend is provided to all trainees.

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

Individuals seeking upskilling and/or employment. Target populations might include the homeless, elderly, formerly incarcerated, drug offenders, at-risk youth, jobless, and economically disadvantaged persons. 72 slots will be created, if fully funded.

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

Creation of immediate job opportunities -- Upon graduation, trainees will be supported until a job is secured. 80% of trainees secure a job within 6-months of graduation; Enhanced self-sufficiency and economic activity-- Feeding Tampa Bay will train unemployed and underemployed individuals for high-paying, industry-specific jobs; Reduce substance abuse -- Studies conclude that gainfully employed individuals are less likely to abuse substances than unemployed and underemployed individuals; Improved mental health -- Studies conclude gainfully employed individuals exhibit better mental health outcomes than those that are under or unemployed; New educational opportunities for jobseekers.

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?

Funds will be returned 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



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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