



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2816

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

At The Freedom Tour, our initiative is fueled by a commitment to alleviate food waste and address the pressing issue of hunger in our communities. We specialize in rescuing excess food from various sources, ensuring it doesn't end up in landfills, and instead, reaches families who are in need. Our comprehensive approach involves rescuing surplus food from grocery stores, handling rejected loads from truck drivers, managing items close to their expiration date, and addressing unwanted orders within the supply chain. No source of excess food is too small for our attention; we see each rescued item as an opportunity to make a positive impact. We have a developed and robust system that begins with the retrieval of surplus food through our dedicated semi and box trucks or, also, brokering loads to our facilities, we ensure that no potential food goes to waste. Once the food reaches our facilities, we undertake a sorting and distribution process to ensure families in need receive food.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	29%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	257,850	24%
Other	500,000	47%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,057,850	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.

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

Gift in kind of recovered food, warehouse space or equipment of refrigerated box trucks.



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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.

American Rescue Plan Act: \$980,000. The funds were used to purchase and broker loads of recovered food, purchase of two refrigerated box trucks, refrigeration units to create walk in coolers, offset cost of rent and employee payroll.

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	Warehouse manager: \$26,400 schedules all loads, loads and unloads trucks, facilitates all food drives both mobile and drive through. Warehouse employee: \$21,120 loads and unloads trucks, assist with food deliveries and mobile pantries. Our CDL truck driver: \$52,000 drives a semi and picks up recovered food loads.	99,520
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	\$95,000 fuel expenses for semi truck and box trucks to recover and redistribute food to those in need. \$105,480 will allow us to broker loads of food to help feed families in need.	200,480
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)		300,000



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14. Program Performance

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

Goal 1: End food waste: The Freedom Tour will recover food from ending up in landfills through our network of partnerships with both local and nationwide food chains we are able to secure loads of food that would otherwise end up in the landfills.

Goal 2: The Freedom Tour will ensure recovered food is distributed to those experiencing food insecurity. Through the use of our volunteers and schools we will redistribute rescued food to low income, at risk, or food desert areas.

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

The Freedom Tour will continue to recover food through use of their own box trucks and semi. The Freedom Tour will continue to broker loads of recovered food. Once the food is rescued,

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

The direct service provided is ensuring food that is normally disposed of in a landfill, will be rescued and redistributed to those impacted by food insecurity.

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

The target audience that will be most impacted by this food rescue project are individuals and families who are experiencing food insecurity. The expected number of individuals served each month is between 10,000-15,000.

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

The benefit of this project is to keep salvagable food from the landfills, the secondary benefit is that the food can be redistributed to those most in need. The Freedom Tour will track the pounds of food rescued through brokered loads and loads that The Freedom Tour picks up. Additionally, The Freedom Tour will track the number of citizens that receive reclaimed food and pounds of food distributed each 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?

The suggested penalties include: repaying the amount funded.

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)



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- 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