



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1428

1. Title of Project: Farm Share Program

2. Senate Sponsor: Anitere Flores

3. Date of Submission: 02/04/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Provide food free of charge to families, children, senior citizens and individuals in need in an effort to fight hunger and poverty throughout the state of Florida. Farm Share will also partner with law enforcement agencies to use the power of food to help reduce crime in high crime neighborhoods and improve law enforcement/community relations.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	4,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	59.78%
Federal	1,504,668	17.99%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	660,000	7.89%
Other	1,200,000	14.35%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	8,364,668	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19	434,909	3,500,000	1495	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 5,000,000

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits	Administration, recordkeeping, operations management	218,447
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office supplies, copy machines, computers, etc...	75,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Audit and Accounting	65,000
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Programming staff, employees (truck drivers, warehouse workers, etc...)	514,104
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational costs (fuel, truck repairs, capital asset acquisition, purchase new semi-trucks and box trucks, fork lifts, storage bins, etc...)	3,627,449
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Installation of additional coolers, freezers and compressors, storage rack installation/repair, roof replacement/repair	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Acquisition and Distribution of healthy and nutritious fruits, vegetables and other non-perishable food products and proteins to families, children, seniors and individuals in need throughout Florida.

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

Acquisition and Distribution of healthy and nutrition fruits, vegetables, non-perishable food products and proteins to partner agencies (soup kitchens, food pantries, churches, law enforcement agencies, etc...) throughout the state of Florida. These partners agencies then distribute the food directly to persons in need in the regions and local communities that they serve. We also directly distribute food to families, children, seniors and individuals in need utilizing our fleet of semi-trucks and box trucks to take the food directly into communities not served by a partner agency.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Farm Share holds nearly 500 Community Food Distributions each year statewide. These food distributions provide food directly to those persons identified below in high poverty communities. Farm Share frequently partners with other social service organizations to provide health screenings, educational opportunities and job training on site in conjunction with the distribution of food. Farm Share also partners with law enforcement agencies to distribute food thus helping to bridge the divide between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

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



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Families, children, seniors and individuals who are hungry and living in poverty. More than 50 million individuals are expected to be served. (17 million households x 3 people per household)

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

Feeding those who are hungry and fighting to end poverty in Florida. Farm Share tracks the total pounds of food distributed annually as well as the total number of households served.

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 in the contract?

Farm Share has historically been reimbursed for costs incurred to acquire and distribute food. We do not receive the allocated legislative dollars unless we perform the services first. Therefore, penalties are not needed since if the deliverables are not met no money is paid.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Farm Share, Inc., The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (landlord) and Lutheran Social Services (landlord).

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Farm Share, Inc.
- b. **County:** Statewide
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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