



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2585

1. **Title of Project:** South Florida Seniors in Action

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Jason Pizzo

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/16/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

South Florida Seniors in Action (SFSA) sponsors events and provides a safe and welcoming environment for senior citizens regardless of: race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, age, veteran status, disability, or any other protected status. SFSA guides 2,800 seniors in accessing federal, state, and locally available benefits. Focusing on low income and underprivileged seniors, our organization provides much needed nutritional wellness programs including food pantries, senior socials, participation in appreciation of the arts, health fairs, social services, occupational, physical and mental health therapies. Our programs enrich the lives of our senior citizens through organized outings within Miami-Dade County as well as daily social activities to combat loneliness and depression—the number one cause of death among senior citizens in the United States.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Elder Affairs

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	589,120
Fixed Capital Outlay	45,000
Total State Funds Requested	634,120

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)	634,120	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	634,120	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

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



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- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$634,120

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The Executive Director is a full time position responsible for overseeing the administration, programs and strategic plan of the organization. Other Key duties include fundraising, marketing, and community outreach.	55,000
Other Salary and Benefits	The Program assistant coordinator is a full time position involved in helping organize and facilitate all federal, state, and local programs inclusive of coordinating contracted services, specialized services, and logistics provisions which will be funded via this initiative.	31,200
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	All available programs provided by federal and state agencies require training and travel.	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Two part time and two full time employees are required to have background screenings for care of elderly persons, food-safe service certified, and nutritional training.	101,920
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Senior transportation service vehicles, insurance, maintenance, Information Technology, physical and occupational therapy supplies, Workers Compensation, and FICA.	65,300
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Professional services provided by certified specialists, Clinical Psychologist, Information Technology specialist, Physical Trainers, Transport Specialist, and Social Services Specialist.	325,700
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Kitchen equipment and renovation.	45,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		634,120

11. Program Performance:

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

Integrated planning to maximize community outreach for low income and underprivileged seniors. In addition to providing social activities daily, approximately 8,000 meals will be provided to feed seniors, veterans, and the disabled within the community.

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



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Planning, preparing, serving, and delivering meals. Social services including licensed mental healthcare professionals easily accessible. Physical and Occupation therapy group sessions. Organized group activities inclusive of information technology for seniors and appreciation of the arts.

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

Multiple occupational activities, including intellectual and physical agility programs tailored for the aging population. Fresh and Nutritious meals provided daily. Valuable knowledge and assistance readily available for seniors to apply for federal, state, and local entitlement programs.

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

Target population is low income and underprivileged senior citizens regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, age, veteran status, disability, or any other protected status. At least 2,800 individuals are expected to be assisted. It is anticipated that caregivers who are also seniors can benefit as well with caregiver teachings.

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

Measurable health and nutritional benefits available to the most needy within the population. This project will allow for happier and healthier seniors with an expanded life span to participate more within their community and a more well balanced and complete life.

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?

Standard penalties are sufficient.

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.

South Florida Seniors in Action, Inc., is a private non-profit corporation, as such it is a charitable organization. There are no owner/owners. The Board of Directors and CEO have no monetary ownership of the City/County building it occupies. The fixed capital outlay request is for kitchen and serving equipment to serve the community to accomplish our nutritional goals

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. Name:** Eddie Sierra
- b. Organization:** South Florida Seniors in Action, Inc.
- c. E-mail Address:** director@southfloridaseniorsinaction.org
- d. Phone Number:** (305)219-2140

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization:** South Florida Seniors in Action
- b. County:** Miami-Dade
- c. Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit



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☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)

☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (Please specify)

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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name: None

b. Firm Name: None

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