



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1229

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

Midwest Food Bank Florida has established a distribution center in Lake Wales Florida by leasing a facility. In an effort to ensure long term viability of our services Midwest Food Bank Florida is seeking to purchase and renovate a warehouse that will serve as our main hub for our services throughout the State of Florida. By acquiring a large facility that is geographically centered in Florida, Midwest Food Bank will be able to serve more clients in a more efficient fashion. This facility will save Midwest Food Bank Florida significant dollars in transportation as we rescue food from the North and transport it into Florida. Having a large warehouse in Central Florida will also increase our ability to respond in times of disaster. Midwest Food Bank Florida specializes in disaster response and can have food and water to an impacted area within 24 hours of a storm and often much sooner.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**  No

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	29%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	1,000,000	14%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	14%
Other	3,000,000	43%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**



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Midwest Food Bank Florida has a multi-faceted approach to fund raising. We host several events throughout the year including a dinner/live auction and a clay shoot. We pursue grants from corporate foundations and private foundations, and we promote a Share Partner Program where individuals support us in an ongoing fashion via regular monetary contribution.

**10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

Yes

**If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.**

\$900,000 received through the CARES Act. The funds were used to support increased operating costs and the purchase of additional food needed to meet increased demand.

**11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Midwest Food Bank Florida will purchase and renovate a warehouse that can be utilized to store and distribute food to our partner agencies.	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

Midwest Food Bank Florida will establish a large scale distribution center that will impact Central Florida and beyond for the foreseeable future. On average, a given Midwest Food Bank distribution center will distribute more than \$50 million in food annually. Midwest Food Bank Florida is the only food bank with a physical presence in Polk County. Being located in this rural and under-served area gives Midwest Food Bank Florida the opportunity to serve thousands of individuals that would otherwise be overlooked.

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

This distribution center will be strategically located in Central Florida making logistics and procurement more efficient. By providing a resource to large storage facilities and food transporters to donate product, we are making food rescue more efficient on both sides of our operation. On average Midwest Food Bank rescues and distributes more than \$50 million in food from each of our distribution centers.

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

Midwest Food Bank Florida does not provide direct services to clients. Our services are provided to other not-for-profit organizations that in turn serve the public.



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

Midwest Food Bank Florida impacts more than two million people annually via our partner agencies. Through our partner agencies, Midwest Food Bank Florida has a positive impact on virtually every sector of our community. Our partners range from veteran services, rehabilitation organizations, children's services, and senior services. Anyone that might find themselves in need of food support is a potential recipient of the food Midwest Food Bank Florida distributes.

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

Ensuring adequate food supply with a focus on nutrition to our partners will reduce or eliminate the food insecure population in Central Florida. Positive outcomes can include, reduction in crime, better grades for students, recovery from addiction, and more. Midwest Food Bank Florida measures clients served and percentage of nutritious food distributed annually. Through this practice we can determine level of need and success or failure of our efforts.

**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?**

Prorated return of funds if Midwest Food Bank Florida fails to identify, acquire, and establish a distribution center in Central Florida.

**13. 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 building would be owned by Midwest Food Bank. The director and workers in Florida have no ownership in this building.



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number