



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1573

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

4. Project/Program Description

To construct a new congregate meal and dining hall facility to serve the senior and aging population of Baker County. The existing facility is over 100 years old, two-story building located in downtown Macclenny, FL. This facility is not ADA compliant, resulting in only 50% of the space being usable to clients. The kitchen is old and not equipped with the proper equipment to serve the needs of our growing community. A new facility would provide a safe, ADA compliant commercial kitchen, dining hall and restroom facility to better serve the senior citizens of Baker County.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,300,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,300,000

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)	1,300,000	87%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000	13%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,500,000	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.

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



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

CARES Funds totaled - \$4.6 million. ARPA funds totaled - \$5.6 million. (only 50% received). CARES Funds were used to stabilize small business' & non-profits, mortgage & rental assistance and COVID19 health response. ARPA funds have not been allocated for expenditure as of the date of this submittal.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Other Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	NA	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	NA	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	NA	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	NA	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a new 60x80 building consisting of a commercial kitchen, dining hall and restrooms. This facility will be located on a shovel-ready site currently owned by Baker County	1,300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,300,000

12. Program Performance

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

The new facility would offer adequate space to continue and/or expand proper meal & nutrition programs, health/fitness and wellness programs to clients. Poor nutrition can lead to undesired weight loss and jeopardize the immune system, making a senior more susceptible to infections like the common cold or even the flu. Services would provide healthy, balanced meals and increased physical activity.

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

Congregate meals, home delivered meals, respite care, social services and social interaction. More than 200 meals are served each day from the existing facility with only two employees, due to lack of space. A new ADA compliant facility would allow the community to be better served in a safer, easily accessible site. Additionally, educational programs for seniors could be offered regarding cultural, elder abuse, senior laws, fraud awareness and nutrition.

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

The existing facility is over 100 years old, two-story building located in downtown Macclenny, FL. This facility is not ADA compliant, resulting in only 50% of the space being usable to clients. The kitchen is old and not equipped with the proper equipment to serve the needs of our growing community. A new facility would provide a safe, ADA compliant commercial kitchen, dining hall and restroom facility to better serve the senior citizens of Baker County.

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

Senior Citizens- Approximately 3,900 senior citizens live in Baker County.

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



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Overall improved client health would be demonstrated through proper care and programs. Statistics show that by offering and/or encouraging social meals to seniors will increase food intake. The thought of eating alone can decrease appetite in seniors. This facility will allow seniors to improve their overall health through all programs offered and be able to age well. Additionally, the new facility would offer adequate space to continue and/or expand social activity for clients by offering arts and crafts, games (bingo, cards, word games), seasonal parties and activities and monthly birthday parties. These examples would provide investment into clients "Social Capital" or social skills; thus improving their mental health and combat social isolation. Research indicates that social capital offers health benefits that may be especially important for seniors.

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?

Failing to meet deliverables would be severely detrimental to Baker County. We simply do not have the local funding sources to complete this project. All efforts would be made to meet any deliverable or performance measure required of this funding allowance.

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.

This facility will be owned and maintained by Baker County. The facility will be managed by the Baker County Council on Aging through a lease agreement.



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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