



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2632

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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(a) Growing fleet of food distribution vehicles;\* and  
(b) Cultivating stronger network of partner agencies through capacity-building to increase ability to store/distribute food to clients (purchasing shelving, coolers, freezers, walk-ins, containers); and  
(2) Build & launch outdoor educational center and agricultural programming (community garden with hoop houses, row crops, hydroponic system, composting) by developing 6-acre property.

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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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</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)	1,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	300,000	1502	No

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.



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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.**

All funding received was used for food purchase and food distribution efforts.

FY 2020 Paycheck Protection Program - \$236,932.50  
FY 2021 Leon County CARES - \$1,256,726.27  
FY 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - \$1,390,000.00  
FY 2022 TEFAP CARES - \$202,162.90

**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	Vehicle purchases, including mobile produce stand (to focus on product with a short shelf life); mobile pantry (to provide nutritious choices for families living in food deserts); and delivery vans (for targeted delivery to children, seniors, and special projects). (\$300,000)  Capacity-building support for partner agencies (including purchasing shelving, coolers, freezers, walk-ins, and storage containers). (\$200,000)	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractor labor and fees for permits, land clearing, property development, construction, and manual labor related to outdoor educational center and agricultural programming.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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



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

- Purchase and operate vehicles for increased targeted food distribution.
- Evaluate 150+ partner agencies for need and capacity.
- Identify and establish MOUs with partner agencies, consult with partner agencies to make necessary purchases, provide initial setup and administrative support, and conduct quarterly check-ins.
- Work with contractors for permits, land clearing, property development, construction, and labor related to outdoor educational center and agricultural programming.
- Purchase and operate commercial-grade 2,000-pound composting equipment in order to recycle at least 25% of food waste (100,000 pounds) into compost to be utilized within SHBB community garden row crops and to be packaged for community use.

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

- Distribute enough food for 1,200,000 additional meals to food-insecure households in North Florida.
- Generate an additional food cost savings of over \$4,000,000 for food-insecure households in North Florida, through targeted food rescue and food redistribution services.
- Provide mobile pantry and storefront-like experience in food deserts.
- Provide access to agricultural and food systems education.

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

Our target population includes low-income, food-insecure, and working class households in our SHBB service area counties of North Florida.

Around 20% or 134,639 people in the Big Bend live in poverty (Census 2019). Nearly 1 in every 5 persons on average is food insecure, or around 78,420 people (Feeding America 2020). Our service area has an average of 51% Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) population, or 916,291 people (United Way ALICE Report 2020).

SHBB service area is comprised of 11 main counties, including Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla County. We are growing, and now also serve clients in 4 neighboring counties, including Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, and Suwannee County.

We reach clients through our network of 150+ partner agencies, including churches and nonprofits, which makes up our target group for our capacity-building program.

We expect to serve over 150,000 people directly.

#### **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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- Distribute 1.2MM additional meals to food-insecure households in North FL. (Calculated by dividing # pounds by 1.2 to equal # of meals.) (KPI: Pounds of food distributed)
- Generate additional food cost savings of over \$4MM to food-insecure households in North FL. (Calculated by USDA 2019 average meal cost for service area)
- Reduce dependency of food-insecure population on SNAP benefits. (KPIs: Calculated cost savings; Self-reported low-income clients)
- Increased partner agency capacity to store/distribute food. (KPI: Pounds of food distributed by partners)
- Reduce food waste by increasing food rescue. (KPIs: Pounds of perishable food distributed; Change in % food waste)
- Increased access to agricultural/food systems education for local schools/groups (KPIs: Partnerships with schools/groups; Attendance for classes, field trips, tours in education center)
- Reduce food waste through composting. (KPI: Pounds of food disposed through composting)

**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?**

Delay or loss of funding if deliverables are not met.

**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 owners of the facility and the entity are both America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend.



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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