



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1379

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

At St. Petersburg Free Clinic (SPFC), we are currently responding to the greatest community need we have seen in our 53-year history. Through our partner agencies, We Help FRESH Pantry and Jared's Food Bank, we are continuously serving upwards of 150,000 people per month. In order to continue serving the community at this level, we recognize the need to expand our space. Funds will go towards the renovation of our new South Pinellas County Food Warehouse. This warehouse will triple our capacity over our existing food bank.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	2,000,000	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.

Pinellas Community Foundation CARES "Coronavirus Relief Fund" allocated \$3,071,253.00 to mitigate COVID-19 related impacts within the community, including food insecurity. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) CARES provided \$59,675 for food programs, diapers, and hygiene products. Additionally, EFSP American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocated \$150,000 to support food, diapers, and feminine hygiene products. Lastly, we received \$1,056,285 in Paycheck Protection Program loans that were forgiven.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

04/10/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/10/2023

12. List 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.

SPFC has a 27-year lease agreement for the property where renovations will occur. The landlord/property owner is Adam Hickey with WH Skyway Management LLC.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction costs associated with the installation of the cooler and additional construction to make warehouse operable as a food bank.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Funds will be used towards renovation of the new South Pinellas County Food Warehouse. The building is 36,000 square feet of which 8,000 will be devoted to administrative office space, and 28,000 will be dedicated to warehouse and refrigerated food storage space. This warehouse will triple our capacity over our existing food bank. With our current set-up, and with the sharp increase in food demand, we are extremely space constrained. SPFC Food Bank distributed 20M pounds of food last year, up from 11.3M pounds in the year prior to the pandemic. SPFC's expanded food bank will provide the space necessary to maintain this level of food support for our community. With both increased floor space and taller ceiling heights, the broader space will allow us room to continue to meet the growing need, while also providing space needed to organize effectively. An organized warehouse facilitates stronger connections with our community partners.

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

The Jared S. Hechtkopf Community Food Bank is the largest food bank in Pinellas County, serving every zip code in the county and partnering with over 60 partner agencies. These funds will support the construction of our new food warehouse which will support SPFC's continued growth in necessary food distribution in Pinellas County.

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

Access to fresh produce, meats, dairy, and bread at no cost. Additional food warehouse space will also facilitate our ability to thoughtfully curate donations for our community partners, so that our neighbors receive food that aligns with their cultural preferences and/or dietary requirements.

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

Through SPFC's We Help Fresh Pantry alone, we served 301,000 individuals in Fiscal Year 2022, equating to over 92,000 households. Additionally, we distributed 20,280,00 pounds of food through our Jared S. Hechtkopf Community Food Bank, equating to 17 million meals. We are significantly over capacity to continue meeting this level of demand; our new warehouse allows us to keep pace with need that is not decreasing.

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

Access to nutritious, no cost food for those who face difficult choices between buying groceries and paying other bills makes a critical difference in improvement in physical and mental health, as well as increases economic self-sufficiency: SPFC will distribute 20+M pounds of food per year, offsetting \$62,560,000 in grocery costs for Pinellas County families per year; 70%+ of food distributed by SPFC will be fresh and healthy (meat, dairy, produce, and bread); periodic surveys of those served will indicate increased access to nutritious food (85%) and reduction of anxiety/stress (85%) as a result of increased access to healthy food.

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?

Return of funds.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number