



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2327

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will assist in the completion of the build out of a local farmers market within the Northwest quadrant of Jacksonville. This funding will be utilized is to upgrade the infrastructure, create access to fresh food in a food insecure area, create a food center for wholesale and retail sale of local produce. We will also construct a resource center on site that includes a culinary training program, indoor vendor space, and business incubator program to support aspiring food and food related entrepreneurs.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	18%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,200,000	41%
Other	1,200,000	41%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	2,900,000	100%

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? No

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?

No



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

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?

10/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2024

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.

Feeding Northeast Florida, the recipient, has a long term ground lease with Beaver St. Fisheries, but will operate the facility.

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	Funds will be used for construction/renovation of the entire facility.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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

The build out of a local farmers market within the Northwest quadrant of Jacksonville. The purpose is to upgrade the infrastructure, create access to fresh food in a food insecure area, create a food center for wholesale and retail sale of local produce. We will also construct a resource center on site that includes a culinary training program, indoor vendor space, and business incubator program to support aspiring food and food related entrepreneurs.

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



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The improvements to the market will create desirable jobs, establish a productive green space, strengthen the local food system, and create a visually pleasing community gathering space based on stakeholder input and needs.

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

Access to fresh food, jobs, and economic opportunity.

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

The target populations are elderly persons, persons with poor physical healthy, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, preschool students, grade school students, high school students and college students.

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

The improvements to the farmers market will result in an increased number of vendors, types of food, cultural/arts events, culinary training, learning garden education, and other activities which will then result in increased consumer traffic, increasing economic activity as well as tourism opportunities. The addition of a new educational on-site commercial kitchen designed to host the 8 week on-site culinary program will create jobs for those conducting the training as well as for those local residents living in poverty who take part in the training who want to move on to commercial kitchen employments through connections Feeding Northeast Florida has with restaurateurs. The foot traffic and economic impacts of the surrounding area will be tracked.

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?

Failure to to meet these deliverable and performance measures would result in termination of funding.

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

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)



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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