



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1080

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Treasure Coast Food Bank's hurricane-resilient warehouse and distribution center will ensure uninterrupted disaster response and support for over 250,000 food-insecure residents each week in Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie, and Okeechobee Counties while enhancing regional disaster relief capabilities. This 132,000 sq. ft. facility, designed to sustain a projected 76% increase in demand for food and disaster relief, will serve as a vital hub for food distribution, emergency supplies, and statewide response staging. It will safeguard critical storm-related operations, improve resilience across the Treasure Coast and beyond, and create 53 jobs, boosting the region's economy and emergency readiness.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	600,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,250,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,850,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,850,000	6%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,250,000	4%
Local	8,250,000	26%
Other	20,650,000	64%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	32,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	1,250,000	1630A	No

9. Is future-year 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.

Revenue from produce production contracts, donor investments and other private contracts.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

2/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2025

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

General operating funds

11. 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.

The facility is owned by Treasure Coast Food Bank, a non profit.

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funding for 2 625GW generators, including purchase and installation, to support full facility operation during community emergency disaster response.	600,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funding will be used for completion of building construction	1,250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,850,000

13. Program Performance

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



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To serve the 250,000 food-insecure individuals weekly across the Treasure Coast, Treasure Coast Food Bank is constructing a 132,000 sq. ft. hurricane-resilient warehouse and distribution center as part of a critical capital effort. This state-of-the-art facility will address the growing demand for food relief, disaster preparedness, and meal production while also housing wraparound services, including health screenings, nutrition education, financial literacy, and job training. The project will increase food distribution capacity by 76%, ensuring uninterrupted disaster response and enhanced regional resilience. It will also create 53 jobs, bolstering the local economy and meeting long-term community needs.

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

The funds will support activities and services critical to disaster response and food security, including:

Infrastructure Development: Construction of a 132,000 sq. ft. hurricane-resilient warehouse to ensure uninterrupted operations during disasters. Food Distribution: Expanded capacity for storing and distributing food, including cold storage and meal preparation for storm-affected communities. Emergency Staging: Hosting state emergency response teams to coordinate disaster relief efforts. Wraparound services: health screenings, nutrition education, financial literacy, and job training. Job Creation: Generating 53 jobs to boost regional resilience. Community Support: Delivering essential resources like meals, water, and emergency supplies to over 250,000 individuals each week.

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

The appropriation project will provide direct services to citizens, including the distribution of 28 million meals annually to over 250,000 food-insecure residents each week, access to disaster relief supplies such as water, hygiene kits, and emergency resources, and expanded meal preparation for disaster-impacted communities. It will also offer wraparound services like health screenings, nutrition education, financial literacy, and job training, while creating a public meeting space and 53 new jobs to strengthen community resilience.

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

Elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, university/college students and small business entrepreneurs. The program will serve over 250,000 weekly.

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

The regional warehouse will provide 28 million meals annually, with 80% classified as foods that promote better community health. Programs include medical screenings and prescription meal services for medically at-risk individuals and seniors through partnerships with healthcare organizations. The facility will ensure uninterrupted food distribution and emergency supply delivery during hurricanes and crises, enhancing statewide disaster response by serving as a staging hub for Florida's emergency teams. Outcomes will be measured by tracking food and supply distribution, job creation, disaster response times, community feedback, and facility utilization to meet increased demand during emergencies.

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 in the contract?

Failing to meet deliverables and performance measures would result in loss of funding.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):



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15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.