



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1228

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

4. Project/Program Description

Requested funds would be utilized to expand the Healthy Pantry Network as part of Feeding Tampa Bay's strategy to provide fresh and nutrient rich groceries/meals to areas at high-risk for food insecurity. The project includes the acquisition of food storage/distribution equipment and food from local farmers, which provides a functional community based nourishment support system when combined with comparatively low administrative and operational costs.

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	2,493,986
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,493,986

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)	2,493,986	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,493,986	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		

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.**
- Funding from federal and state grant programs, along with private donations.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	A specialist will support building the network by supporting the procurement of fresh produce, dairy and protein from the local agriculture industry. The specialist will also support the coordination of food demonstrations at local pantries on the use of local agricultural foods, and the coordination of logistic support in getting food and meals to network locations.	65,000
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	Procurement of fresh local produce, dairy, protein, and food demonstrations for food pantry participants on how to prepare items by a nutrition educator. Production kitchen to prepare healthy prepared frozen meals for identified neighbors who have chronic health conditions. Delivery of fresh food and prepared meals to the site weekly for 48 weeks by the transportation team.	2,428,986
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,493,986

13. Program Performance

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



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The specific purpose of this project is to expand the Healthy Pantry Network, which will broaden its reach in providing communities with better access to fresh groceries/meals, and in-turn, improving health outcomes across the board for adults and children.

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

Requested funds will be utilized for acquiring equipment and local, fresh groceries/meals to expand the Healthy Pantry Network's accessibility for local communities, while providing nutritional education and logistics-based coordination.

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

Direct services under this project include the distribution of fresh groceries and meals to target populations, as well as an educational aspect of creating and providing recipes for the utilization of these groceries and meals. The expansion of this network brings these direct services to more communities that can benefit from accessible food and improved health outcomes.

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

The target populations for this project are those communities that are at- risk for or currently suffering from a high rate of food insecurity. These communities include, but are not limited to:
 -Rural communities with low access; -Low-income communities; -Communities that meet the definition of being "food deserts"

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

Expanding the Healthy Pantry Network to communities lacking reliable access to fresh and nutrient rich foods will not only combat issues such as starvation and chronic negative health outcomes. Recent studies from the United State Department of Health & Human Services have found that adults and children who are food insecure may be at an increased risk for a variety of negative health outcomes and health disparities, such as obesity. Monitor program implementation to ensure it aligns with the intended design and that all components are delivered as planned. Track the number of individuals and households served by the Healthy Pantry Network.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables would result in a return of funding to the state.

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):

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

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



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

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.



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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.