



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1694

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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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	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	100,000	20%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	500,000	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	400,000	355	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.

N/A



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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)?

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Food Distribution Director \$50,000; Food Distribution Assistant \$20,000 (1.5 FTE); Marketing & Outreach/\$46,266; Benefits \$5000 + Payroll Taxes \$9,418 = \$130,684; Support Salaries: Grant Compliance/ Resource Development 4 hours per week X 52 weeks x \$31.71 per hour; Finance Support 5 hours per week x 52 hours per week X \$24.04 per hour = \$12,846; Fin. Manager Oversight \$500 per month=\$6,000	149,530
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses for Food/Food Disposal \$227,620; Food supplies/equipment/utilities \$22,850	250,470
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)		400,000

13. 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?

Distribute nutritional food, to food desert residents and the homeless. For 121 years, the Clara White Mission has addressed food access and hunger relief initiatives, with a focus on healthy food to low-income families and to homeless Vets living in undeserved communities.

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

The proposed food distribution initiative appropriation, will be a game changer, providing up to 120,000 meals annually without stipulation at 4850 Moncrief Road and 613 W. Ashley Street; both sites are the targeted zips to address food insecurity for long-term sustainability.

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

The target population includes: elderly, mental and physical disabled, unemployed, economically disadvantaged, at-risk-youth, homeless and ex-offenders, providing 120,000 meals and 30,000 unduplicated.

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

Alleviate food insecurity by providing adequate nutrition and access to food. 1.(Increase physical health by 80% by distributing nutritional food and information to improve and encourage exercise. Receive 90% of Questionnaire Engagement by fiscal year 2026.) 2.(Increase available need for food, by improving mental and emotional well-being by preparing cooked nutritional meals that are accessible daily to the targeted population and receive 90% of Questionnaire Engagement by fiscal year 2025.)

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?

The 121 year Clara White Mission will adhere to deliverables and or if performance measures are not met, the penalty should be discontinue of funding.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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



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No, but intends to apply

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

N/A

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):

N/A

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Ju'Coby **Last Name** Pittman

b. Organization Clara White Mission

c. E-mail Address jpittman@clarawhitemission.org

d. Phone Number (904)612-8758 **Ext.**

18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Clara White Mission

b. Municipality and County Duval

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 Meg **Last Name** Fisher



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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.