



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1824

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Food & Nutrition for All (FNFA) Collaborative, led by Urban Health Partnerships (UHP), advances food security, nutrition education, & health access focusing on Miami-Dade’s most vulnerable. With \$445,000 in State Appropriation funding, FNFA will upgrade 3 urban farms, 3 pantries, and 3 food/health hubs with infrastructure improvements; focusing in on low-income/low-access neighborhoods in south & southeastern County (i.e., Homestead, Goulds, Kendall, South Miami & City of Miami). FNFA will provide 15 nutrition workshops, 12 workforce trainings, & 3 garden-based engagements; & expand data-driven decision-making through improved communications & use of technology--leading to a more resilient & accessible food system.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	445,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>445,000</b>

**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)	445,000	60%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	300,000	40%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>745,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  No

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?**  No

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**



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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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Funds will support staffing for program coordination, community engagement, and oversight, ensuring that project deliverables—including workshops, capacity-building efforts, and infrastructure improvements—are successfully executed throughout south & southeastern communities (i.e., Homestead, Goulds, Kendall, South Miami & Overtown, Little Havana, Liberty City, etc.)	180,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This includes infrastructure enhancements for three urban farms, three food pantries, and three health hubs (e.g., refrigeration, irrigation, storage). It also covers travel costs for site visits, supplies for workshops, training materials, and outreach resources to ensure effective community engagement throughout our focus/target south & southeastern communities.	130,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds will support technical assistance, data system development, and evaluation efforts, including the public food system dashboard for tracking food insecurity trends, as well as specialized training on nutrition education, food as medicine, workforce development, and food system coordination. All directed towards our focus/target south & southeastern communities.	135,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>	<b>445,000</b>
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**13. Program Performance**

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

The \$445,000 in State Appropriation funding will support the FNFA Collaborative in advancing food security, health access, nutrition education, and community development across some of Miami-Dade County's vulnerable neighborhoods (i.e., Homestead, Goulds, Kendall, South Miami, Overtown, Little Havana, & Liberty City). Funds will enhance urban farms, pantries, and health hubs through infrastructure investments, expand nutrition education and engagement, improve food system data tracking, and provide capacity-building support. FNFA will serve 15,000+ residents annually, strengthening nonprofits, health, & enhancing our food system.

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

The FNFA Collaborative, led by UHP, will enhance food security, nutrition education, & health access in Miami-Dade County's vulnerable communities by improving infrastructure, expanding services, & strengthening capacity-building efforts. This initiative will upgrade 3 urban farms, 3 pantries, & 3 hubs, while supporting programs to increase access to fresh, healthy foods. FNFA will provide 15 nutrition workshops, 12 workforce trainings, & 3 garden-based experiences to equip residents, small businesses, & nonprofits, while also enhancing data-driven food system coordination, trainings, & communications to improve collaboration.

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

- Food & Health Hubs: Increasing access to health services and nutritious, locally grown food through a strengthened food access infrastructure.
- Education & Engagement: Providing culturally relevant nutrition programs and health resources for low-income, food-insecure communities.
- Capacity Building & Workforce Development: Expanding training opportunities for community leaders, small businesses, and nonprofits in the food and health sectors.

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

- 15,000+ residents served annually through food access programs, nutrition education, and workforce training.
  - Increased food security and health outcomes for vulnerable communities.
  - Stronger local food systems through sustainable policy and infrastructure investments.
- By implementing these key activities and services, FNFA will create long-term food security solutions that address the root causes of hunger and health disparities affecting our most vulnerable (i.e., youth, elderly, and low-income families) exclusively in the south & southeastern areas of Miami-Dade County.

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

The FNFA Collaborative will enhance food security, health, nutrition education, & community growth in Miami-Dade County, benefiting 15,000+ residents in focus/target communities, by 1) upgrading 3 urban farms, 3 pantries, and 3 hubs; 2) expanding nutrition education (15 culturally tailored workshops); & 3) building stakeholder capacity (15 development sessions). FNFA will also 4) strengthen data-driven decision-making, communications, & coordination (public system dashboard). Progress will be measured via program participation, infrastructure improvements, training assessments, dashboard utilization, regular check-ins, & an impact report.

**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 will result in non-payment.

**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)



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- 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

**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**



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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  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.*