



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2908

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The JCS Delivers Program is designed to assist low income elders receiving less than \$1,000 per month. These residents are homebound with little to no support from their caregivers. The program provides bi-weekly tailored nutritious grocery deliveries and to homebound very low-income seniors at high nutritional risk. Beyond delivering essential food and personal care items, the program addresses client concerns and facilitates referrals as needed, through a dedicated JCS Social Worker specializing in geriatric care. Legislative funds in the amount of \$250,000 would enable us provide 1200 deliveries to 50 low-income homebound seniors in one year. This program will ensure that these seniors have access to groceries and essential items, and enable them to live independently while they age in place, essentially avoiding premature institutionalization.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	56%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	11%
Other	150,000	33%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	450,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	125,000	401	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

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

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

We rely on state funding and private funders to meet the current demand.



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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	Administrative support for JCS Delivers	37,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Approx. 200 shopper hours / month for 50 clients X 12 months	62,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Other: Groceries through current vendor, Unloathe.com: approximately 50 clients X approximately 250.00/month X 12 months	150,000
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)		250,000

13. Program Performance

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

Due to growing food insufficiency of our senior clients, JCS created and implemented JCS Delivers, a tailored grocery delivery and household supplies program, which continues to see increased demand. This program offers bi-monthly grocery deliveries, valued at up to \$125 for each delivery for our homebound and/or low-income seniors. The funds requested will be used to meet current demand.

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



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JCS Delivers' clients provide a list of grocery and household essentials to a personal shopper who has these items delivered. As an added benefit to JCS Delivers clients, personal shoppers check in and can refer clients to social workers, as needed, for additional support. The delivery and the cost of groceries are valued at up to \$200 per delivery.

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

Direct Services to our low-income homebound seniors will include the groceries and home essentials delivered to the client's home on a bi-weekly basis

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

The target population is low income and/or homebound seniors (ages 60 and older) assessed by a social worker to have a high nutrition risk scores. Through outreach and referrals to the Miami-Dade County community, we anticipate serving approximately 50 clients if our request is fully funded.

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

The goal of this project is to increase food security overall health and well-being for our most vulnerable seniors. Increased food security will be measured using the USDA Food insecurity Scale. During the client's initial assessment, their nutrition risk scores are documented and used as a baseline measurement. The clients are re-assessed annually, and they are given a food insecurity survey twice per year. The total number of groceries delivered and unduplicated client counts will be tracked monthly.

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?

Corrective action plans may be required for noncompliance and/or nonperformance. Financial penalties may be imposed for failures to implement or to make acceptable progress on such corrective action plans. Increments of penalty imposition shall apply and shall be based upon the severity of the performance deficits that generated the need for corrective action plan.

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

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

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



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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.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name



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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.