



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2950

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

In response to the devastating impact of Hurricanes Helene and Milton on Florida, particularly in the Port Richey area, our organization has launched a comprehensive and ongoing relief initiative. These hurricanes caused extensive damage, leaving countless residents struggling to rebuild their lives. The affected population predominantly consists of elderly individuals, Veterans, and those living on fixed incomes, many of whom have limited or no insurance coverage to support their recovery. Our program is dedicated to addressing the immediate and long-term needs of this vulnerable community. We are committed to providing essential aid and resources to help individuals and families regain stability and dignity. Our primary focus areas include: Emergency Food Assistance, Furniture and Household Goods, Clothing and Personal Care Items and Community Support and Engagement.

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	224,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	22,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>246,500</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)	246,500	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>246,500</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

We have been working with local donations only.



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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?

05/15/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2025

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

We will continue to utilize location donations, fund raising and events.

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.

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### 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	Daily operations Manager to open the facility, meet the request and coordinate the delivers and priority of assistance. Also will keep all inventory and asset descriptions of where items go.	45,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	20' Box Truck for the transportation of donated items such as food, furniture, and rebuild supplies to Veterans and their families in need.	37,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Donation Center Rent \$4,200 Month, Electric \$450 Month, Alarm System \$65 Month, Internet \$110 Month, Insurance Box Truck \$650 Month, Insurance Facility \$800 Month,, Phone \$100 Month, Exterior Sign \$6,500, MISC Monthly Allowance for Appliances or other household items of need \$5,000	142,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Basic Buildout our for the facility. To rebuild and replace flooring, walls, and shelves for storage of donated items.	22,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>246,500</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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Our donation center will serve a critical role in the execution and success of our mission to reach and rebuild our community. We will use this space to gather, organize, inventory and store essential items including, but not limited to clothing, furniture, appliances, baby supplies, food, water, cleaning supplies, first aid, and the like. With warmer weather approaching, these items must soon be stored in a climate-controlled space and will remain available for rapid distribution to those in need. The box truck will be utilized by our team to retrieve tangible donations as well as serve as our primary means of distributing these essential relief supplies and building materials to our community. Together, this box truck and donation center will serve as the heartbeat of our operation. They will provide us an opportunity to receive critical items and get them delivered where they are so desperately needed.

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

These funds will be used to facilitate the collection, storage and distribution of clothing, furniture, appliances, baby supplies, food, water, cleaning supplies, first aid, and the like to those in need in our community. They will also allow us to obtain and distribute urgently needed building supplies. We will then assist in the rebuilding of our most devastated areas. Many of those impacted by the 2024 hurricanes are elderly and on very limited incomes and so many have been displaced or are living in hollowed out shells of what used to be their homes. They simply do not have the financial ability to begin the process of having their homes made livable again. Our team will spearhead the effort to make the necessary repairs and improvements so desperately needed to help put their lives back together.

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

Rapid, direct aid and assistance will be provided to our surrounding areas for disaster relief. This will be provided through the distribution of needed relief items as well as through a hands-on effort to assist in the rebuilding of these communities. The effort to support those impacted by the storms will be prioritized and continuous while we simultaneously work to increase stores of provisions in preparation for any future emergencies. Currently, the most urgent need is for basic life-supporting supplies of food, water and livable shelter. As weather warms and financial situations worsen, desperation increases by the day. Our team will continually provide food and water and work to improve the livability of the homes most devastated by the storms. These funds will prove to be the lifeblood of our operation, allowing us to have an immediate, direct and lasting effect on our neighbors in need.

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

We work tirelessly to support the Veteran community but due to the current humanitarian crisis, we have expanded our mission to also support elderly, fixed-income communities. In recent months, we have been focused on a neighborhood of roughly 700 homes in which approximately three thousand people reside. An area near the water, but previously left undamaged, the hurricanes of 2024 absolutely devastated this community. Many of the homes had several feet of standing water as the storm surge came in and destroyed all their belongings. When the waters receded, mold took everything else short of the cinderblocks. Our mission has been and continues to be to provide relief as dictated by the need. First, those without the means to provide themselves with food and water. Some due to their financial inability and other due to physical disability. Next, those in need of repair to make their homes livable.

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

We will continue to provide food security to those unable to provide it for themselves. Our team will continue to provide food and water to those in need. Our donation center currently stores thousands of individual meals and our local partnerships stand ready to assist in assuring that we can continue this mission of food delivery. We will provide livable conditions to those in need. Many homes are still in need of significant repairs and we will continue working to complete these repairs. Once the repairs are complete, our team will replace home goods, clothing and other items lost in the storms. This is so much more than a project to provide food, water and shelter to those in desperate need. This is a continual mission to revive and restore their dignity and pride. These are good people, many of which are disabled, Veterans and/or elderly, who have fallen on the hardest of times and are unable to lift themselves up. It is our mission to ensure that they are not left helpless.

#### **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?**



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Funds not utilized or not utilized properly, should be returned in their entirety to the contracting agency. Furthermore, receiving these funds would be a great privilege, providing a tremendous opportunity to do good in our community and should be treated as such. Any misuse of the funds and subsequent trust bestowed upon a person or group with this opportunity to serve the people of our community (especially those in such great need) should be immediately reported to all applicable authorities. Any organization operating under the IRS' 501(c)(3) status that is found to be fraudulent or in violation of the rules and regulations of that status should be immediately reported to the IRS and should be considered for revocation of their status.

**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):**

Primary incident was Hurricane Helene.

**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**



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**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**

**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.*