



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3383

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Feeding Florida partners with Florida farmers to source fresh commodities (produce, protein and dairy) that would otherwise not find its way into the supply chain (due to it being cosmetically blemished or market shifts) to distribute through our 9 member Food Banks throughout the State of Florida, in partnership with over 2,500 partner agencies. Working through our network, we ensure that food insecure Floridians have access to healthy nutritious food and are connected to the services they need. In addition, we help facilitate movement of excess products to other states, which brings in revenue to growers across Florida.

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	10,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	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	10,000,000	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	6,500,000	1624	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.

Feeding Florida would attempt to raise money from the private sector to continue the Farmers Feeding Florida program.



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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	Partial compensation for support staff to coordinate member engagements, analyze transportation expense tracking, monitor accounting and auditing processes and interface with the public on Feeding Florida operations.	30,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Partial compensation for consulting support on hunger topics, health related issues, food supply chain analyses, distribution planning, food and funding allocation, population analyses and supporting data analyses of food bank operations.	50,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Partial compensation for staffing to support statewide efforts on produce recovery and distribution.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Acquisition of produce, protein and dairy from Florida and distributors. Funds may be used for harvesting and packing fees associated with recovery. These fees are paid directly to Florida based agricultural businesses. Includes partial coverage of the transportation costs associated with movement of products.	9,870,000
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)		10,000,000

13. Program Performance



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

Feeding Florida is a network of 9 food banks that work with over 2,500 partner agencies to distribute food to those individuals and families that are food insecure. A large part of our operation is working with Florida farmers and to source fresh product including fruits, vegetables, dairy and protein to distribute through our 9 member Food Banks throughout the State of Florida in addition to other healthy food recovered or purchased to ensure that food insecure Floridians have access to healthy, nutritious food and are connected to the services they need.

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

All activities associated with the analysis, acquisition and distribution of food to the food insecure citizens of Florida.

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

Funding will be utilized to provide food to food insecure Floridians.

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

The target population are those individuals and families that are food insecure as defined by multiple state and national assessments. This includes, but is not limited to, Feeding America, the United Way ALICE Report, census data and independent food bank analyses. This figure is currently estimated at over 3 million people across the state.

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

Reduction in food insecurity levels in all 67 counties. Measured by pounds of food distributed through the Feeding Florida network and number of families served.

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?

Feeding Florida must submit evidence of performance prior to drawing down the funds. Feeding Florida is reimbursed \$0.35 for every pound of produce recovered and \$1.50 for every pound of protein and is paid after the food is sourced and distributed. The agency has the authority to withhold payment for failure to perform.

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#:



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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.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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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.