



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3400

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

4. Project/Program Description

MJD Food Pantry Program is a community food pantry and mobile food distribution designed to provide free, nutritious food to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. MJD Food Pantry Program provides fruits, vegetables, juices, dairy products, non-perishable items such as canned goods, rice, pasta, and fresh produce, dairy, and meats four days a week in North Miami-Dade County. It also conducts food distributions several times monthly to our different local churches, night schools, women & homeless shelters, libraries, and street corners to provide food to needy families across Miami-Dade County.

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 | 600,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 600,000 |

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) | 600,000 | 74% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 200,000 | 25% |
| Other | 10,000 | 1% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 | 810,000 | 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 | | |
| | | | | |

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.

Currently, we manage to secure some funding from the Miami-Dade County-OMB to provide Food pantry and food distributions across Miami-Dade county with the partnership of Farm-Share.



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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 | Emmanuella Fleurimont; the president executive director, responsible for the day-to-day- operation | 20,000 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | Indirect service employees and benefits including but not limited (Taxes and other withholdings) 1-Program Manager, 1-Operations Coordinator, 1-Volunteer Coordinator/Outreach and Community Engagement Specialist, | 60,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Accounting, payroll, and other Consultancy services | 50,000 |
| Operational Costs | | |
| Salary and Benefits | 1-Client Services Coordinator , 3-Warehouse staff and 1-Driver Operational costs include direct service employees and benefits including but not limited (Taxes and other withholdings) | 70,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other | Pallet Jacks, Stackers,refrigerators and freezers maintenance supplies,Shelving & Storage Units,Food Supplies,Bags & Boxes,Cleaning & Sanitization Supplies | 400,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | N/A | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 600,000 |

13. Program Performance

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



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The Specific purpose or goal is to better serve the community, we offer a wrap-around service, where we work with other established partnered organizations to serve the participants' and their families better. Usually, people experiencing food insecurity often face other hardships, such as housing instability, job loss, financial insecurity, and health access. Our outreach specialist offers help in screening for other underlining hardships and refers to other community social service providers.

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

The following are direct services which will be provided to citizen by the appropriation project:
 Besides the Food Pantry Program and the food distributions, we are also providing supportive services. MJD Health and Wellness Community center coordinators consist of assessing and assisting clients with their government benefits needs, informing, directing, linking and referring the clients to the governmental and/or other Community Based Organization agencies for further services.

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

Governmental Benefits Assistance-The service assists the residents of the clients-residents in applying for governmental benefits including; but not limited to Medicaid, Medicaid waiver, Social Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Special Transportation service (STS) Etc.....Referral & Linkage- this service guides the clients-residents through the community resources for several critical areas; including but not limited to housing, home repair, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Access Florida, Hope Florida, Unite Us, Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), emergency assistance, legal services, transportation options, telephone reassurance, Home Care Services, Chores and enhance Chores services, elder abuse, neglect and exploitation assistance and crime, safety and fraud prevention assistance Etc.....

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

Low-income individuals and families struggling to afford nutritious food. Unemployed or underemployed individuals facing financial hardship. Homeless individuals in need of immediate food assistance. Seniors on fixed incomes who may have difficulty affording groceries. Children and students experiencing food insecurity, including those from low-income households. Individuals with disabilities who may have limited access to food resources. Disaster-affected individuals in need of emergency food supplies. we are expected to serve 500 to 2,000 individuals per month.

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

Reduced Food Insecurity – Ensuring individuals and families have access to nutritious food. Improved Nutrition and Health – Providing healthier food options that contribute to better overall well-being. Financial Relief for Low-Income Households – Helping families allocate limited resources to other essential expenses like rent, utilities, and healthcare. Increased Community Support and Engagement – Strengthening social connections through volunteerism and outreach efforts. Emergency Assistance and Crisis Support – Serving as a safety net for individuals facing unexpected financial or personal crises.

Data Collection & Tracking: Number of individuals and households served. Frequency of visits and amount of food distributed. Surveys and Feedback Forms: Client satisfaction surveys to assess program impact. Nutritional intake surveys to evaluate diet improvements.

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?

In addition to standard penalties outlined in the contract, a contracting agency may consider the following penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures:
 1-Withholding Payments – Retaining a portion of the contract payment until the contractor meets the required deliverables.
 2-Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) – Requiring the contractor to develop and implement a corrective action plan with specific milestones.
 3-Reduction in Scope or Contract Value – Adjusting the contract value or scope to account for the non-performance.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?



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- 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:

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



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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.