



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1472

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Feeding Tampa Bay (FTB) will fund 30 existing and new food pantries at schools in Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Manatee, and Hardee County- prioritizing the greatest- where the risk of food insecurity is prevalent, bringing groceries to students, families and school staff who may struggle to make ends meet and supporting the behavioral and academic success of students. Additionally, these pantries will serve as critical food prescription refill sites, supporting food insecure Floridians living with diet related disease conditions. Overall wellness starts with nutrition.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,010,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,010,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,010,000	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 2024-2025	2,010,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

In FY 21 and FY 22, Feeding Tampa Bay received \$18,983,116 (CARES, EFSP CARES, ARPA, and TEFAP) to increase food distribution efforts in its service areas.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

13. 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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Staffing: \$222,000 for 30 pantries or \$7,400 per school pantry	222,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expansion of Equipment: \$231,000 (Per Pantry Cost- Racking/Shelving: \$900; Refrigeration: \$2,750; Freezer: \$3,500; Food Distribution Materials: \$300; Marketing: \$250); Healthcare Food Cost: \$432,000; Pantry Food Cost: \$1,065,000; Delivery of Food: \$60,000 (Maintenance, fuel, insurance, telematics, etc.)	1,788,000
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)		2,010,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Feeding Tampa Bay will use these funds to purchase the necessary equipment and product, and to support the operational expenses associated with expanding the Feeding Minds Program to 30 existing and new school sites. Each school pantry adds about 75-100 families served weekly, that would not already be serviced by FTB partners, which totals about to 300-400 unduplicated individuals impacted.

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

Feeding Tampa Bay will expand the Feeding Minds program to 4 new counties- Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Highlands- while supporting existing programs and increasing a community's access to fresh groceries and nutrient-rich meals. These new sites will also be equipped to accept and fill food prescriptions.

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

Persons with poor mental and physical health, jobless and economically disadvantaged persons, grade and high school students, homeless, and food insecure persons. Each school pantry adds about 75-100 families served weekly, that would not already be serviced by FTB partners, which totals about to 300-400 unduplicated individuals impacted. The impact to the community, when these families are considered, is greater than 800.

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

Increased food distribution; Improved education -- Studies conclude the lack of access to high quality, nutritious food contributes to poor health, and that access can be both preventative and restorative for those who battle chronic and diet related disease conditions. Access to fresh groceries and nutrient-rich meals is a stepping stone to a bright future which ensures the long term health of our children and the community. Improved mental and physical health -- Studies conclude that the reduced frequency, quality, variety, and quantity of consumed foods may have a negative effect on a child's mental and physical health. They also face a higher risk of developmental problems compared with food-secure children. Feeding Tampa Bay will track the amount of food distributed and report the number of individuals impacted by the increased distribution efforts.

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 the contract?

Dispersed funds for deliverables not met will be returned to the state.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity



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- 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**

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. **Name**

b. **Firm Name**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number**