



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2127

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Metropolitan Ministries of Tampa, Florida is installing (2) 40' cold storage units on our campus to aide in our ability to store and distribute fresh produce, designed to increase our ability to provide healthy choices in diet for those in need. These cold storage units will give us the capacity to receive more donated produce from community partners to then strategically distribute through our kitchen meals, community pantry, outreach services, FirstHug (In school programs), as well as other programs, opposed to having to quickly pass out because of spoilage. We firmly believe that one of the cornerstones to self-sufficiency is healthy diet - resulting in less medical bills, increased energy, improved lifestyle, and the ability to impact generational family behaviors. Beyond the immediate produce storage impact, having this cold storage will also help us in lowering our overall "emergency" cold storage costs related to unexpected donations we may have had to turn away prior.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Operations | 51,293 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 51,293 |

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) | 51,293 | 46% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 61,200 | 54% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 | 112,493 | 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?



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Yes

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

EFSP Hills. Co. CARES \$175,884.00 EFSP Hillsborough \$50K mass shelter, \$25K other shelter, \$75 rent/mortgage, \$25448 served meals
 EFSP Pasco CARES \$73,500.00 EFSP Pasco 54K mass shelter, 5K other shelter, 13K rent (end May 31)
 Hillsborough County R3 CARES \$150,000.00 R3 CARES COVID expenses
 PNC \$5,000.00 COVID Food Boxes COVID Food Boxes
 PWC \$25,000.00 Reimagine Grant COVID Relief
 Walmart \$10,000.00 COVID Relief Covid relief, general operating
 Hobbs Foundation \$10,000.00 Covid-19 Covid-19
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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 | Equipment (2) 40' cold storage units | 47,840 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Electrical and Site Plan engineering design and permitting | 3,453 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| 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) | | 51,293 |



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14. Program Performance

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

Metropolitan Ministries, with these funds, will be able to create and execute the next phase of our healthy choices food program, and our vision of "A Path To Self-Sufficiency". Cold storage units on our Tampa campus allow us to hold donated and purchased produce for longer periods of time, resulting in less waste, more efficient distribution, and better strategic planning.

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

Our activities and services related to Community Outreach and as well as Health and Wellness (on site / in community) will be greatly impacted with the ability of teaching those we serve how to prepare varieties of produce, that they may not have experience with based on access and cultural background. Along with preparation training, we will also be able to expand our programs and trainings centered around caloric intake, sources of nutrition, and healthy meal planning.

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

Community Outreach
 First Hug - Working with families in schools
 Neighbor HOPE - addressing "food deserts", senior communities, and general areas of need that may not have access to healthy options
 Metro Campus Kitchen
 Metro Community Food Market - on campus "free shopping"

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

The target population are families, seniors, and others who may be homeless or at risk of being homeless, needing services related to food insecurity.

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

Our expected benefit from this project is the ability to change perception and habits related to food knowledge and preparation. Having the ability to hold and distribute more produce through our already expansive community social programs creates a wider net of impact for us. Our measures will be based on produce quantities leading up to 2024, and then quantities we are able to hold after. In this, we will also be measuring cost savings in our kitchen, as well as actual distribution numbers in the community and through our campus market. Beyond, our long-term goal is to measure, through those in our residential and community programs, how access to fresh produce and diet information can change and lower medical conditions and expenses, again creating more discretionary income for those in need and a path to self-sufficiency

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?

Decreased opportunities in the future or funding in the future, and/or full or partial payback of capital layout.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number