



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2254

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The project will go towards Second Harvest of the Big Bend's (SHBB) infrastructure expansion: increase SHBB's 41,000 sq. ft warehouse facility capacity by 60% to meet the needs of food-insecure individuals in 16 rural North Florida counties, including 5 of Florida's top 15 food-secure counties & 7 counties impacted by Hurricane Idalia in Fall 2023. In fact, over 50% of the population in Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Madison and Taylor Counties live paycheck to paycheck. Increasing access in rural communities: increase food distribution and food cost savings by growing network capacity to order food items in larger bulk quantities and increase the number of distribution partners. Workforce Development: Put rural North Florida back to work through creation of jobs by means of capital project and support service expansion to 5 additional counties.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

**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)	3,000,000	35%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	2,000,000	23%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,000,000	23%
Local	250,000	3%
Other	1,350,000	16%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>8,600,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	2,000,000	2325	No

9. Is future 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.
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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.**

All funding received was used for food purchase and/or increased food distribution efforts.  
 FY 2020 Paycheck Protection Program - \$236,932.50  
 FY 2021 Leon County CARES - \$1,256,726.27  
 FY 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - \$1,390,000.00  
 FY 2022 TEFAP CARES - \$202,162.90  
 FY 2023 USDA ERHC - \$637,548.78

## 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.

America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend, Inc.

### 13. 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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractor labor and fees for permits, land clearing, property development, construction, and manual labor related to facility expansion.	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Workforce Development: Put rural north Florida back to work through creation of jobs by means of capital project and service expansion to 5 additional counties.

Rural Access: Increase food distribution and food cost savings by growing network capacity and efficiency for 200+ partners.

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

- Work with contractors for permits, clearing, development, construction, labor to expand facility
- Expand facility from 41,000 to 71,000 sq. ft.
- Increase inventory turns and distribution to low-income rural families in 16-counties in North Florida

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

- Increase access to fresh, nutritious food distribution for low-income, food-insecure children and families in rural food deserts.
- Generate additional food cost savings for low-income families of over \$8,400,000 through targeted food distribution service.
- Provide essential basic needs support during emergency response and natural disasters impacting Florida schools, businesses, and families.

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

Low-income, food-insecure households and ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population. Our service area comprises 16 counties of North Florida, including Calhoun, Columbia, Dixie, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Hamilton, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Wakulla. Across this 16-county service area:  
 20% or over 120,000 people live in poverty (Census 2020)  
 40% or over 280,000 people who are Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) (2020 United Way of the Big Bend / United Way of Northwest Florida)

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

- Increase health and wellness outcomes for low-income, food-insecure households, including targeted populations of children and seniors, with an emphasis on communities located in rural communities.
- Create jobs and contracts through \$10M capital project with regard to permits, land clearing, property development, construction, manual labor, and direct services related facility expansion and network expansion.
- Create food cost savings of over \$8,400,000 for low-income, food-insecure families in 16 rural north Florida counties.
- Distribute enough fresh, nutritious food for 2,500,000 additional meals to low-income, food-insecure children and families in rural food deserts in north Florida.

**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?**

Delay or loss of funding if deliverables are not met.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**



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**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**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**