

The Florida House of Representatives
Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2022-23
For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Feeding Florida Healthy Food Initiative
2. Date of Submission: 11/08/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Chris Latvala

4. Details of Amount Requested:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2021-22
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2021-22 <i>(If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2022-23 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds
Input Amounts:		2,000,000	2,000,000		6,000,000	6,000,000

e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2022-23 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request	6,000,000	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal	0	0.0%	No
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local	0	0.0%	No

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5. Other	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	6,000,000	100%	

5. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

Yes

a. How much state funding would be requested after 2022-23 over the next 5 years?

- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- >= 5 years

c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select "ongoing activity".

- ongoing activity – no total cost
- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

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Feeding Florida must submit evidence of performance prior to drawing down the funds. Feeding Florida is reimbursed \$0.23 for every pound of fresh Florida produce recovered and is paid after the produce is sourced. The agency has the authority to withhold payment for failure to perform.

7. Requester:

- a. Name: Robin Safley
- b. Organization: Feeding Florida
- c. Email: robin@feedingflorida.org
- d. Phone #: (850)545-6400

8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

- a. Name: Robin Safley
- b. Organization: Feeding Florida
- c. Email: robin@feedingflorida.org
- d. Phone #: (850)545-6400

9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

- a. Name: Travis W. Blanton
- b. Firm: Johnson & Blanton
- c. Email: cheryl@teamjb.com
- d. Phone #: (850)224-1900

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Feeding Florida
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Statewide
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Statewide

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

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12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

Feeding Florida partners with Florida farmers to source fresh products that would otherwise not find its way into the supply chain (due to it being cosmetically blemished or market shifts) to distribute through our 12 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.

13. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. 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
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. 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	50,000

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	and supporting data analyses of food bank operations.	
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	Partial compensation for staffing to support statewide efforts on produce recovery and distribution.	50,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Acquisition of produce, protein and dairy from Florida farmers and distributors. Payment of 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.	5,870,000
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		6,000,000

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?
- For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)

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- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

15. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

16. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

No

17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

Florida to look at hunger at a hyper-local level indicates that there are as many as 19 million missing meals throughout Florida weekly and finally the ALICE report suggest that 47% of Floridians are either below the poverty threshold.

18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

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

b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Funding will be utilized to provide healthy nutritious food to food insecure Floridians. It will also be used to enhance the Feeding Florida food distribution infrastructure to ensure that current and projected needs can be accommodated.

c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups"). Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health

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- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

19. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	We estimate that approximately 300 M pounds of produce never makes it into the supply chain annually. Through this program, we are able to recover this produce and economically get it to the tables of needy Floridians.	Evaluation of the number of pounds recovered thru Florida based agricultural based businesses.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	The legislative appropriation goes to assist in defraying the cost of picking the produce and packing the produce by the grower allowing the grower to harvest more product.	Evaluation of the number of pounds recovered thru Florida based agricultural based businesses.
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	Feeding Florida provides an outlet for a wide variety of fresh Florida products at critical points in the supply chain. This allows farmers	Evaluation of the number of pounds recovered thru Florida based agricultural based businesses.

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	to provide more continuous labor opportunities for their workers. This results in smoother transition periods between crops and harvesting variations.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	By providing quality, healthy food through the food bank distribution network, citizens are able to direct limited income to other critical life areas such as medicine or housing.	Evaluation of the number of pounds of food distributed through the Feeding Florida food bank network during the fiscal year.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		