

# 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: Farm Share Program
2. Date of Submission: 09/29/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Randy Fine

#### 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 (If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2022-23 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
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:		5,000,000	5,000,000		3,000,000	3,000,000

- 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	3,000,000	37.0%	N/A
2. Federal	3,200,000	39.5%	Yes
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local	900,000	11.1%	Yes

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5. Other	1,000,000	12.3%	Yes
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,100,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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? No

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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Farm Share has historically been reimbursed for costs incurred to acquire and distribute food. They do not receive the allocated legislative dollars unless the services are performed first. Therefore, penalties are not needed since if the deliverables are not met, no money is paid.

7. Requester:

- a. Name: Stephen Shelley
- b. Organization: Farm Share, Inc.
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #: (305)246-3276

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

- a. Name: Stephen Shelley
- b. Organization: Farm Share, Inc.
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #: (305)246-3276

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

- a. Name: Jim A. Naff
- b. Firm: James A. Naff & Associates LLC
- c. Email: jnaff@smithbryanandmyers.com
- d. Phone #: (850)224-5081

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Farm Share, Inc.
- 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?

Provide food free of charge to families, children, senior citizens, individuals in need in an effort to fight food insecurity throughout the state of Florida. This includes those persons and communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic uncertainties resulting therefrom. COVID-19 will continue to cause elevated food insecurity for at least the next 12 months. Farm Share will also provide disaster relief services to communities affected by hurricanes, floods and tornadoes.

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	Administration, record keeping, operations management	128,092
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office Supplies, copy machines, computers, etc...	43,978
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Audit and Accounting	38,115
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	Programming staff, employees (truck drivers, warehouse workers, etc....). Farm Share provides employment for more than 75 employees statewide.	301,460
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational costs (fuel, truck repairs, capital asset acquisition,	2,195,324

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	purchase of new semi-trucks and box trucks, fork lifts, storage bins, etc...) Farm Share maintains and operates 8 regional warehouses as well as a fleet of more than 55 semi-trucks, refrigerated trailers and refrigerated box trucks.	
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Installation of additional coolers, freezers and compressors to enable Farm Share to increase capacity to meet the substantially increased food insecurity demand/need; acquisition of additional trucks for the same purpose.	293,031
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

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)
- ☐ 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)

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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?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

Farm Share has letters of support from federal, state and local community leaders and elected officials for the work we have done in their communities related to food insecurity and responding to natural disasters. We also have letters of support from sheriffs and police chiefs related to our community policing and crime preventions programming.

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:

The 2020 United Way Alice Report, Study of Financial Hardship; Poverty & Income in Florida, Hector H. Sandoval, Ph.D, Bureau of Economic and Business Research and Department of Economics, October 28, 2016; The Status of Women in Florida by County: Poverty & Opportunity, December 2016.

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?

Acquisition and Distribution of healthy and nutrition fruits, vegetables, non-perishable food products and proteins to partner agencies (soup kitchens, food pantries, churches, law enforcement agencies, etc...) throughout the state of Florida. Direct Community Food Distribution events to food insecure communities and persons in need.

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

Farm Share holds more than 20,000 Community Food Distributions each year statewide. Farm Share frequently partners with other social service organizations to provide health screenings, educational opportunities and job training on site in conjunction with the distribution of food. Farm Share also partners with law enforcement agencies to distribute food and improve community relations.

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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
- ☒ 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)

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Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Reduction in the number of individuals suffering from obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and hypertension caused by malnutrition.	Farm Share could compare obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and hypertension rates for communities that receive Farm Share food to those that do not.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	Educate the general public about the health benefits of eating healthy and nutritious fruits and vegetables through the distribution of informational literature and food.	Farm Share could survey participants in Farm Share's community food distributions to determine their knowledge about health benefits prior to participation in Farm Share programming v. after.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	Reduce the number of pounds of fruits and vegetables that are thrown into public landfills and left to rot in fields.	Farm Share could track the total pounds of fruits and vegetables recovered by Farm Share from farmers that would otherwise be dumped in landfills or left to rot.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Use the power of food to reduce crime rates in high crime	Farm Share could compare crime rates in a community prior to



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	communities.	participating in Farm Share programming v. after participating in Farm Share programming.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Focus on increasing workforce productivity by increasing employees' nutrition levels by providing them healthy and nutritious fruits and vegetables.	Farm Share could establish a goal of increasing productivity of participating companies employees by 20%.
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	Increase "at risk" individuals access to educational, healthcare, mental health, and job training opportunities.	Farm Share could track the number of individuals that as a result of attending a Farm Share event enrolled in educational, healthcare, mental health or job training programming to increase their self-sufficiency.
<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		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): Improve Law Enforcement Community Relations	Decreased hostility toward members of law enforcement, increased cooperation with law enforcement investigations.	Could be measured by performing surveys of participating law enforcement agencies to see if community relations have improved.