



June 17, 2019

The Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor
State of Florida Plaza Level 05
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Subject: 1552A Grants and Aids to Local Governments and Nonstate Entities – Fixed Capital Outlay Treasure Coast Food Bank from General Revenue Fund \$700,000 From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1552A, \$700,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided for the Treasure Coast Food Bank (Senate Form 1655) (HB 2219).

Dear Governor DeSantis,

On behalf of the City of Fort Pierce, I am writing this letter to respectfully request your support of the Treasure Coast Food Bank (TCFB). Your support will enable the Treasure Coast Food Bank to purchase a neighboring property for the expansion of their food production kitchen programs. The growth of the food production kitchen will allow TCFB to:

1. Prepare and serve up to 100,000 meals per day state-wide during disaster-relief efforts.
2. Prepare and serve 250,000 meals under state and federally funded programs including the Summer Food Service Program and the Afterschool Meals Program.
3. Provide workforce development and job placement through culinary training programs.
4. Provide catering services to generate income with which to sustain Kitchen operations beyond the initial funding period.
5. Provide cooking classes and nutrition education to families.

TCFB's primary goal is to stimulate the local economy with new markets for local farmers to increase their revenue, provide living wage jobs and training opportunities for the food production and supply chain industries and meals for those in need in our community.

The operation of this project will allow TCFB to create new markets for local farmers and invest 3 million into the local agricultural community as well as create 20 new job opportunities related to food processing and job training instruction.

Please consider our humble request for funding for the Treasure Coast Food Bank Production Kitchen.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson
Mayor