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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida state budget for the 2021 legislative session was released and 2 of 8 projects filed by **Representative Daisy Morales (D-Orlando)** was included in the budget. **HB 2855** - **Gateway Orlando Economic Prosperity Initiative** - Project funding is to support the implementation of the Gateway Orlando Prosperity Initiative. This is a two phase initiative designed and structured to provide relief, resources and training to businesses and residents economically impacted by COVID-19 and **HB 3199** - **Grow It Forward Urban-Farm Network Strategic Planning** a strategic planning for sustainable expansion of a micro-farm network. The current infrastructure can only take up to 10,000 sq. ft. of land per memberlocation, and only 2 member farm locations can enter per season. With the funding it allows an additional 4 member farm locations per season and increase the location capacity to 2 acres and also be able to strategically plan for the development of multiple farm locations throughout Central Florida providing access to healthy and fresh produce grown within 5 miles of their location on site with houses of faith and community partners.

In addition, **Representative Morales** cosponsored <u>HB 3861</u>, Central Florida Family Health Center COVID-19 Infusion Center, which will decrease the number of hospitalizations for those seniors with mild to moderate symptoms that participate in antibody infusion therapy.

"As a freshman lawmaker, I am excited to have been able to help secure much needed resources and funding for House District 48 and Orange County," said **Representative Morales.** "I'm eager to work with local government agencies and non-profit organizations to fund additional appropriations in the next session."