



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3567

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Tarpon Springs is requesting funding to build a new Cops 'n Kids Youth and Family Center for underprivileged youth ages 6-17 in Tarpon Springs for the Cops 'n Kids program as well as providing space for the 26,000 residents of Tarpon Springs for physical fitness classes, athletic leagues, classrooms, and educational resources. The Center will also be utilized as a regional disaster preparedness and post storm recovery site to maximize the potential of the new facility's space.

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	2,175,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,175,000

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)	2,175,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,175,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	4,350,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

American Rescue Plan funds-\$600,000 for planning, design, and permitting.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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.

This project is presently in the planning and design phase; however, it will be shovel-ready at the time of funding. This project is managed and owned by the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida that will be utilized by the Tarpon Springs Police Department in partnership with the Tarpon Springs Housing Authority for the Cops 'n Kids program as well as for the community at large for various public activities.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will support construction of a new Cops 'n Kids Youth and Family Center facility in the City of Tarpon Springs.	2,175,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,175,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The City of Tarpon Springs is requesting funding to construct a new facility to house the Cops 'n Kids program, a partnership between the City and the Tarpon Springs Housing Authority. This new facility will allow for a 100% increase in student participation. The Center will also be utilized by the 26,000 residents of Tarpon Springs for physical fitness classes, athletic leagues, classrooms, for educational purposes, and as a regional disaster preparedness and post storm recovery site.

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

Construction services will be contracted by the City of Tarpon Springs and managed by the City of Tarpon Springs Project Administration Department. Once construction is complete, the Cops 'n Kids Youth and Family Center will provide programming for an additional 75 students, increasing its availability by 100%. The Center will also be available to the residents of Tarpon Springs as a multi-purpose facility with the ability to host athletic leagues, physical fitness classes, public meetings, and more. With the support of the City of Tarpon Springs Board of Commissioners, the City has earmarked a 50% match in funds to ensure that this project moves forward.

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

By funding a new facility, youth ages 6-17 in Tarpon Springs will be able to enjoy and take advantage of the free afterschool and summer programming offered by the Cops 'n Kids Youth and Family Center. These services include, but are not limited to, the following: assistance with homework, team building, sports and wellness, enrichment classes such as career exploration and leadership, family support, and off-site trips as an extension of learning. The 26,000 residents of Tarpon Springs will also be able to access services at the facility, having the ability to hold public meetings, participate in athletic leagues, physical fitness classes, and counseling services. The Center will also be used a disaster preparedness and post storm recovery site.

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

The target population that will benefit from this project are underprivileged youth, ages 6-17 in Tarpon Springs, Florida. These students are permitted to remain in the Cops 'n Kids program until they age at 18 years of age. Additionally, the residents of Tarpon Springs will have the ability to utilize the Center's space by participating in sports leagues and physical fitness classes, as well as using the facility as a regional disaster preparedness site. As the population of Tarpon Springs varies in demographics, it is the intent of the City that the Center will accommodate all citizens who wish to utilize the space.

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

It is expected that the City of Tarpon Springs will utilize the new Cops 'n Kids Youth and Family Center by increasing the current number of students enrolled in the Cops 'n Kids program, as well as allowing for additional space for City residents to use for a multitude of purposes. These include: athletic leagues, physical fitness classes, public meeting spaces, classrooms for community learning, a disaster preparedness site, post storm recovery site, and other events or activities that require a larger meeting area. The City of Tarpon Springs intends to make the facility available for all residents during the non-working hours of the Cops 'n Kids program. Because the facility will be multi-purpose in scope, the City intends to maximize its space accordingly.

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?

If the City of Tarpon Springs is unable to meet the deliverables set forth, it is expected that there will a complete or partial repayment of funds.

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