



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1721

**1. Title of Project:** Arcadia Boys and Girls Club Gym Renovation

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Ben Albritton

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/06/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

The requested funding will be used to renovate and restore the 50-year old Smith-Brown Gymnasium adjacent to the current Arcadia Boys and Girls Club. This funding would expand the amount of space available and thus expand the number of children capable of being served and the number of programs able to be offered. The gymnasium would be a multi-use space adding additional classroom, educational, and recreational spaces.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency Contacted? No

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

| Type of Funding                    | Amount         |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations                         |                |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 500,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>500,000</b> |

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

| Type of Funding                                      | Amount         | Percent       |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)       | 500,000        | 100.00%       |
| Federal  | 0              | 0.00%         |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| Local  | 0              | 0.00%         |
| Other  | 0              | 0.00%         |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b> | <b>500,000</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

**8. Has this project previously received state funding?** No

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | NonRecurring |                             |        |
|                          |           |              |                             |        |

**9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

**10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

| Spending Category                                   | Description | Amount |
|---|-------------|--------|
| <b>Administrative Costs:</b>                        |             |        |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits |             |        |



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| Other Salary and Benefits  |   |                |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |   |                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |   |                |
| <b>Operational Costs:</b>  |   |                |
| Salary and Benefits  |   |                |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |   |                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |   |                |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |   |                |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      | The requested funding will be used to renovate and restore the 50-year old Smith-Brown Gymnasium adjacent to the current Arcadia Boys and Girls Club. This funding would expand the amount of space available and thus expand the number of children capable of being served and the number of programs able to be offered. The gymnasium would be a multi-use space adding additional classroom, educational, and recreational spaces. | 500,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |   | <b>500,000</b> |

**11. Program Performance:**

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

The purpose of the funds would be to renovate and update the on-site gymnasium to be repurposed for classroom and educational space. This would expand the capabilities and reach of the Arcadia Boys and Girls Club. Currently serving 75 children in the nearby schoolhouse, the renovation of the gym would greatly expand the amount of available educational space and thus expand the number of children served and programs offered.

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

The current Arcadia Boys and Girls Club is a safe space in the middle of public housing to ensure that those who need our services the most are the ones receiving them. The club offers supplemental learning which largely focuses on academic success and healthy lifestyles to help them reach their full potential, achieve on-time grade advancement, and have a plan for the future. However, the limited space also limits the amount of children that can be served and the number of programs offered. With the renovated gymnasium, programs in the arts, career and workforce development, and character and leadership development can be expanded to help significantly more than the current 75 club members succeed in school and in life. The central focus of these programs is to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty to create well-rounded, gainfully employed, and responsible citizens and future leaders of the community, ending dependence on governmental welfare assistance programs.

**c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

The restored facility will more than triple the amount safe space and thus capacity for the number of members served so more club members will be helped in creating their own paths for success and end dependence of government assistance and unemployment in their families. They will be provided with supplemental



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educational programming aimed at getting them into the workforce, ultimately, eliminating the need for the state to provide for basic living such as unemployment, food, and other welfare. Additional benefits include better academic performance, increased physical activity, and knowledge about healthy living as well as character and leadership development skills.

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

The target population are at-risk youth between the ages of 6 and 11 years old. Currently, the club is at capacity with 75 children being served. The club expects that capacity to increase to 200 upon completion of the renovation of the on-site gymnasium.

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

The club expects that there will be significant increases in academic success, physical and mental well-being, and character and leadership development to help each club member reach their full potential with a plan for the future after high school. We expect 80 percent of club members will achieve a "C" in Reading and Language Arts, an increased knowledge of avoiding risky behaviors and situations, increased knowledge and engagement in healthy behaviors, while also becoming more physically active and healthy. The hope is that 100 percent will achieve on-time grade advancement and graduate high school on time with a plan for the future. The methodology by which these will be judged is through on-site pre- and post test performance reviews, participation levels and quarterly grade tracking through a strong partnership with the schools utilizing KidTrax software.

**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 in the contract?**

Failure to meet deliverables should result in a probationary period for the organization from receiving state funds.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

The city of Arcadia has partnered on this project providing a 25-year lease for \$1 a year and an agreement to pay utilities throughout the lease.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County
- c. **E-mail Address:** tbarrows@bgcsarasota.com
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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County
- b. **County:** Sarasota
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit



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- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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#### 15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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- b. Firm Name:** None
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