



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1880

1. **Project Title** City of Fort Myers STARS (Success Through Academic and Recreational Support) Complex

2. **Senate Sponsor** Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. **Date of Request** 12/06/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

\$13.5M for the STARS Complex Expansion Program includes construction of a new multipurpose recreational field and a new 25,000 square feet multipurpose center & academic wing that will serve as the only City of Fort Myers emergency hurricane/disaster shelter with approximate capacity of approximately 400 citizens for category 3 storms and above. The project will offer enhanced recreational activities to accommodate the increased programmed use and number of participants. STARS currently serves 250 children in the after school and summer camp programs and provides programs including Little League Baseball, at-risk teen clubs, basketball, Girl Scouts, football leagues, and other community based programs. The STARS Complex is centrally located in Fort Myers, serving a population of 25,000 individuals within the 33916 zip code. 36% of the residents live below the median income of \$31,000.

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

State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	13,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>13,500,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	13500000	75.0 %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	4,500,000	25 %
Other	00	0 %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>18,000,000</b>	<b>100 %</b>

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2018-19	00	1,000,000	2233A	No

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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**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		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Hardening of the existing STARS complex and construction of a new 25,000 square foot building for use as a community center and emergency shelter for category 3 storms and above.	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="13,500,000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>13,500,000</b>



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

Expansion of the STARS complex with a 25,000 sq ft building to meet the recreational, educational, community, and emergency needs of the city's citizens and at-risk youth population.

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

The project will increase recreational activities and provide access to an emergency shelter in the event of disaster in an economically challenged community. This will be the only shelter within the City of Fort Myers limits for category 3 storms and above.

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

Athletic programming; tutoring and mentorship of at-risk youth, including 6-10 additional recreational and educational programs; teen program; four senior programs; community multipurpose space; and access to an emergency shelter within city limits and in a previously underserved area.

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

City of Fort Myers residents - approximately 88,000 residents.

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

Increased access to services and programs of the STARS complex to include emergency shelter capacity for up to 400 residents.

- 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?

Forfeiture of funding if program goals are not achieved.



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12. **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.**

City of Fort Myers

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- 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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.