



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2395

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District Playground for Children of All Abilities. All state funding will be used solely for the purchase of specialty equipment to accommodate children of all disabilities.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	10%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	13,000,000	90%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	14,500,000	100%

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

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

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

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?**

No

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



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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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

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	This will be a public amenity and 100% of the funds will be utilized for the purchase of the specialty equipment needed for an all inclusive playground.	1,500,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

\$1,500,000 of State funding will allow for the inclusion playground equipment specially designed for use by children of all physical and developmental abilities in the Babcock Ranch park system master plan. The accessible equipment and design will be unique to Charlotte County and provide the opportunity for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy the developmental and health benefits of outdoor recreation and socialization, all while learning about the unique natural environment.

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



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The District will expend 100% of the funds on the purchase of playground equipment for use by children of all physical and developmental abilities.

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

Provide all children in Charlotte County and surrounding counties with access to an inclusive place to play: a universally designed, sensory-rich environment that enables all children to develop physically, socially, and emotionally. This playground would provide children with a purpose-designed, engaging place that provides the just-right level of challenge and offers opportunities for all to succeed.

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

Children in Charlotte County and surrounding counties.

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

Beautification and preservation of green space. Increased visitation to the community by those who would benefit from access to the all inclusive playground equipment.

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?

The Special District would forfeit the funds and repay the funds to the State of Florida.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number