



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1864

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Legalize Wheels Decriminalize Youth was developed through an apprenticeship of the Florida Folklife Mentorship program administered by Florida Arts & Culture and DoS. This mentorship and public works program promotes access to wheel spaces and wheel culture with a prioritization of disenfranchised communities through the creation of specialized skateboard architecture, and the administration of high-quality, Montessori-based, youth recreation and intervention programming by qualified mentors.

This project puts state statute 316.0085 to use in a productive and innovative capacity in order to prepare adequate infrastructure to capitalize on Florida's uniquely valuable skate heritage. This program takes special consideration of Florida's inimitable status as a leader in the development of programs for athletics and recreation, with specific regard to the increasing value of institutionalized skateboard athletic programs in anticipation of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

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	388,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,358,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,746,000

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)	3,746,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	3,746,000	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.**
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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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

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)?

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.

All capital outlay funding will go towards construction of new wheel spaces on property that falls into one of 2 categories; property owned by FDOT; property owned by the respective counties or cities where the program will be administered.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Director - Operates the program.	45,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office - expenses for the maintenance and operation of an office wherein the duties of the program shall be administered.	6,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Web Application Development & Management/Video Game Direction - Building and maintaining a public facing web app, and private database.	120,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Assistant (\$48,000) - Assists with admin and secretarial work. Game Dev Lead (\$100,000) - Leads game development for program needs, and trains and manages team of game development mentees.	148,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Skate Instruction & Safety Guard (\$144,000) - Covers administration of the programming across all 10 locations. Includes 1 safety guard, and 2 instructors on staff year round. Mentor Program (\$96,000) - Covers administration of the programming across all 10 locations. Paid mentor coordinator handles communications between director and mentors. Skate Architecture Construction Apprenticeship (\$45,000) - Covers costs for 10 weeks of hands-on apprenticeship	327,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Spot Grant (\$100,000) - Provides \$10,000 of funding for each of the 10 locations to construct 1 or more pieces of skatepark architecture designed for all wheels, at an existing public facility that is not a skatepark. Park Improvement Fund (\$500,000) - Provides \$50,000 of funding for all 10 locations to enhance, expand, and augment skateparks that are already built. Park Grant (\$2,500,000) - Provides \$250,000 for each of the 10 locations to build new all wheel spaces	3,100,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,746,000

14. Program Performance

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

Funding will help to create safer local infrastructure for non-motorized wheel transportation, and recreation; provide guidance and training for any citizen who might like to gain the tremendous mental and physical health benefits of skateboarding; provide focused Montessori-style mentorship programs for the personal and career development for young people from economically disenfranchised communities; develop the infrastructure and operational support to capitalize on Florida's skate heritage and establish Florida as the leading location for the development of Olympic level skateboard athletic programs; and provide Floridians with real opportunities to train for the Olympics.

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

Funds will be used to staff skateparks with "lifeguards" from the local community, and hire recreational instructors to provide general safe operating instruction for beginners, as well as advanced instruction.
 Funds will be used to create mentorship programs specially tailored to disenfranchised young people, with job placement upon completion.
 Funds will be used to create a videogame that delivers educational and training materials to participants and staff, along with the realization of adequate opportunities to ensure the project can service individuals who might otherwise be left out due to physical limitations.
 Funds will be used to provide select participants with hands-on training for building skatepark architecture.

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

Citizens will gain access to engaging spaces for challenging exercise, and community strengthening self-affirming experiences. Citizens will find their local skatepark staffed with a dedicated individual who maintains safety and standards, as well as instructors who help all people learn safe skateboarding techniques. At-risk and disenfranchised young people will receive intensive Montessori-style career and personal mentorship for development.

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

This project serves two distinct segments of the population. Foremost, the project will serve the needs of the general population by providing safe access to skateboard instruction, increasing the amount of locations for safe skating, and improving overall infrastructure conditions for the operation of non-motorized wheels. The secondary population is disenfranchised young people between the ages of 15 and 25, who will gain access to intensive Montessori-style mentorship programs for personal and career development.

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

This project will remedy the wounds of a society stricken by an unsustainable screen-centric on-demand lifestyle by; improving overall infrastructure for non-motorized wheel transportation; increasing access to safe spaces for skateboard recreation; providing dedicated staff to teach safe skateboarding techniques; promoting the primacy and value of Florida's skateboard heritage within global skateboard culture; and providing the means to serve young people who are in desperate need of alternate means for education and the administration of social services intended to remedy unintentional byproducts of institutionalized solutions.

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?



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- 1.) Written notice of compromised performance, and temporary revision of standards.
- 2.) Hold on funds.
- 3.) Hold on all services, and thorough review of internal procedures.
- 4.) Cancellation.

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**

f. **Phone Number**

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. **Name**

b. **Firm Name**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number**