



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3155

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Fulfill Lighthouse mission to keep economically disadvantaged, at-risk, & special needs students in athletics via construction of first community collegiate sized gym able to host tournaments. Build middle school athletics in counties where public schools do not offer middle school level competition. Host disabled veterans and special needs children for wheelchair basketball. Reduce community health risk factors. Gym will also serve as a hurricane shelter for Tri-County area.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	995,000
Total State Funds Requested	995,000

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)	995,000	43%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	150,000	7%
Other	1,160,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,305,000	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



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2025

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.

Lighthouse Private Christian Academy, Inc

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	Sports Complex Construction + Construction Project Manager + Quality Control + Site Coordination. Equipment, fixtures/furnishings, flooring, etc.	995,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		995,000

14. Program Performance

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

Fulfill Lighthouse mission to keep economically disadvantaged, at-risk, & special needs students in athletics via construction of first community collegiate sized gym able to host tournaments. Build middle school athletics in counties where public schools do not offer middle school level competition. Host disabled veterans and special needs children for wheelchair basketball. Reduce community health risk factors. Gym will also serve as a hurricane shelter for Tri-County area.



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

The funds will be used to create space for sports programs for over 800 children and their families attending Lighthouse Private Christian Academy locations. Many of the children attending the Academy are at-risk youth, foster children, active-duty military dependents, and those with the need for special schooling accommodations. Many children attend on the voucher program or by scholarship.

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

The gymnasium will increase the success of children who face challenges in their communities and family lives and who need extracurricular involvement to succeed in graduation and college acceptance. Lighthouse won 2 national basketball and many state championships. They offer football, basketball, golf, volleyball, soccer, cheer, baseball, and softball. Disabled Veteran tournaments.

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

Around 800 individuals are expected to be served. These are persons with poor mental health, poor physical health, economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, and victims of crime.

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

This project is expected to: improve physical health, improve mental health, enrich cultural experience, improve quality of education, protect the general public from harm, increase or improve economic activity, increase tourism, create specific immediate job opportunities, enhance specific individual's economic self-sufficiency, reduce recidivism, reduce substance abuse, and divert from Criminal/Juvenile Justice System. Lighthouse will survey student families, teachers, and use grade performance to measure improvement and will report to DOE. All gym visitors will be logged and given a questionnaire. Graduation rates, college or career entrance, athletic scholarships, and criminal stats will all be logged and reported to DOE.

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?

Funds reduced, delayed, or revert to State.

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)



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- 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