



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1532

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This transformative redevelopment project on a 36-acre site off State Road 24 will be a celebration of sports through a new sports tourism facility, tripled expansion of an existing 19K sq ft MLK Multipurpose Center to 60 sq ft, and modernization of the aging stadium, all given the increased demand by regional/national sports leagues that require new quality space. The venue will serve high-demand competitive sports like soccer, basketball, pickleball, volleyball, football, cheerleading, lacrosse, track & field, swimming, water polo, and diving. The complex can also flex to accommodate special events, festivals, camps, and consumer shows. In addition, it will revitalize a historically underserved area of 32,000+ residents. The estimated annual economic impact by Year 5 is \$14.1M, with increased earnings of \$4.7M and 78 FTE jobs.

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

**State Agency contacted?**  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,086,971
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,086,971</b>

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)	3,086,971	20%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	12,000,000	80%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>15,086,971</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?**  Yes

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?**



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

CARES \$2,107,023-PPE/COVID expenses/homeless food; CARES 5307 \$11,611,603-RTS buses; CEF DOJ \$207,151-Police Department; ARPA HOME \$15,750-homeless; ARPA FTA \$3,116,484-RTS buses; CRRSAA FTA \$15,000-transit supplement; ARPA \$16,204,402-housing, nonprofits, revenue replacement, urgent care clinic construction, violence intervention, vision zero, paramedicine, homelessness, & central receiving facility; CARES CDBG \$541,167-resident/business rent/mortgage/utilities; CARES 5311 \$38,015-ADA transit

## 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.

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### 13. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Architectural & Engineering, Environmental, & Geotechnical Costs	3,086,971
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,086,971</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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

The Sports Complex will be a venue for high-demand competitive sports like soccer, basketball, pickleball, volleyball, football, cheerleading, lacrosse, track & field, swimming, water polo, and diving. The complex can also flex to accommodate special events, festivals, camps, and consumer shows.

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

Citizens will be able to participate in many roles at the Sports Complex which includes participants, spectators, attendees, and vendors. Services include facility use, athletic programming, and community events. Examples of athletic programming include tournaments, leagues, camps, clinics, lessons, and practices.

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

Thousands from the general population are expected to be served. More specifically, different target populations include students of all ages (including at-risk), university/college students, developmentally/physically disabled, economically disadvantaged, elderly, jobless, and those in poor physical/mental health.

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

- \*Increased number of citizens participating in weekly sports activities measured by annual activity volume measured by number of participants
- \*Increased number of cultural/non-sporting events measured by number of events held
- \*Improved local economic activity through facilitating the ticket/fee/food sales and subsidiary economic activities of various sports/event use measured by the trend in the level of total operating revenues, increased earnings, and direct spending
- \*Increased local FTE's involved with sports/event tourism needs measured by annual increase in number of new FTE jobs created
- \*Attracting new regional and national sports tournament and events measured by trend in the annual number of spectators and league participants, special event attendees, lodging expenditures, and local tourism development tax dollars

**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?**

Failure to utilize the funds in the specified manner shall result in funds being returned to the 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



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- 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**