



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2334

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Town of Cutler Bay requests \$300,000 in matching funds to support the restoration of the Bel-Aire Park Community Room. Bel-Aire Park is the only active public park within walking distance for residents living in the Town's northwest quadrant. The Community Room supports sporting leagues and academic support programming; however, the Town closed the building on July 11, 2022, due to the potential risk of structural collapse. Funds will be used to demolish the existing 1,375 sq ft building and construct a 2,500 sq ft ADA accessible building to house a multi-purpose room for indoor recreational activities, academic support, and community gatherings. Additionally, the building will have space for concessions and public restrooms that meet current ADA and building regulations. Finally, the community room may be used as an emergency distribution site to enhance disaster recovery efforts.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>300,000</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)	300,000	30%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	700,000	70%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

Not Applicable

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.

\$146,000-FDLE CESF for law enforcement and equipment, \$850,000 - Miami Dade CARES for law enforcement, emergency supplies, and resident financial support, \$21.89 million - ARPA for water quality improvement projects and general services.

## 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.

The facility will be owned and operated by the Town of Cutler Bay.

### 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	Design, Permitting, Construction and Construction, Engineering, and Inspection (CEI) of the Bel Aire Park Community Center	300,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>300,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The proposed project's aims to demolish and unsafe community facility and construct a new larger facility that supports supports team sporting events, youth academic support programs, indoor recreation, and community gatherings (i.e.. workshops for older adults or outreach activities). The new building will meet current ADA and FEMA elevation and disaster mitigation requirements.

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

The project has two components: (1) Gain public input on the design plans and potential park activities, and (2) Construct an approximately 2,500 square foot facility to support public recreation that meets LEED Gold Certification Standards.

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

The proposed project expands the availability of safe and accessible recreational spaces for citizens. Citizens in this community currently do not have a park within walking distance from their home, and the existing youth and adult programs have been displaced due to the unsafe structure.

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

The Town of Cutler Bay's population is 43,958 (Census 2022). The facility supports more than 800 grade school students and the general public each year.

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

The Bel-Aire Park Project promotes an active lifestyle by restoring access to public space and ensuring that the community has a safe and accessible neighborhood park within walking distance from their home. The project improves the quality of education by constructing a community room for community based organizations to provide tutoring, academic support, and mentoring for grade school youth. The measure of success for this project is the construction of the community facility and reopening of Bel-Aire Park.

**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 Town will not be reimbursed for project activities that do not meet the deliverables or performance measures.

**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



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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**