



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2336

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Village of Palmetto Bay is known as the "Village of Parks". The Village seeks funding to assist in the development of a multi-generational public Veterans Park. Veterans Park has been designed to be an uplifting and interactive park that honors individuals who have served the United States in the military. The park will include educational components, public art, gathering areas, a playground with military themes, and Gold Star Family memorial walls.

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	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,500,000	77%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	3,250,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	200,000	1331	Yes

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.

The Village would delay the construction of the Veterans Park without state funding by relying entirely on local 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.

\$12,000,000. The funds were used for water projects, resiliency program, park improvements, and some operational gaps.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 1, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

July 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.

Village of Palmetto Bay (owners)

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	Funds will be used for construction of Phase 1 of Veterans Park. Phase 1 includes main entry, walkways, natural area boardwalk, vehicular area, family bathrooms including facilities to accommodate dependent adults, interactive displays, and Gold Star Family memorial.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

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 park will serve as a gathering place for all citizens and visitors to the area. The purpose of the park is to honor US Veterans. The park will provide areas for exercise, education, and family gatherings.

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

The creation of a new park in the central area of Palmetto Bay will create more opportunities for safe gathering spaces, reintroduction of natural areas, and further create goodwill towards veterans in the community. Veterans Park will include the introduction of sidewalk improvements and a crosswalk. These improvements reflect the Village's commitment to micro mobility and alternative transportation methods. The park is also located within a less than five-minute walk from the South Dade Busway.

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

The Palmetto Bay Veterans Park will service all local and regional residents. Specifically, veterans and their families will find the design and programming to place to celebrate their service in the armed forces. Veterans Park will serve as location that is simultaneously interactive and contemplative. In 2021, the US Government Accountability Office reported the number of veterans receiving mental health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs increased 90% from FY 2006-2019. It is the intention that this public park celebrate those who served the country in a positive environment

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

Veterans Park will provide opportunities for individuals, groups, and families to participate in low-impact healthy movement through the design of walkways and a boardwalk. A play area will be built for children. The intent of the play area is to mimic a training obstacle course. Additionally, the Village of Palmetto Bay has a robust public art program. The design of Veterans Park already contemplates the inclusion of public art. Veterans Park will include informational stations that promote the US branches of military and US history. Opportunities will exist for events and school-age children visits. The Village routinely conducts surveys of park users and solicits feedback through social media, committees, and one-on-one interaction

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 contracting agency shall withhold funds or seek reimbursement.

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