



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2451

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project will make necessary enhancements to create safe play and encourage greater utilization of the complex. These enhancements will allow local user groups to host multi-county sports tournaments and increase the number of youth who can participate in seasonal sports. Improvements will include field and turf refurbishment, low energy lighting, dugout modifications, and bleacher upgrades. All enhancements are aimed at increasing the safety and security of patrons.

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	950,000
Total State Funds Requested	950,000

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)	950,000	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	950,000	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.

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.



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\$27,518,886.31. Funds were used to assist government, individuals, non profits and businesses to respond to the pandemic and its immediate effects.

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?

10/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2025

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.

Putnam County Board of County Commissioners.

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	Plan, design, engineer, refurbish the sports field at Francis Park	950,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		950,000

14. Program Performance

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

Purpose of project is to make necessary enhancements to create safe play and encourage greater utilization of Francis Park Sports facility: refurbishing the sports fields will create a safer and more welcoming surface for players; dugout improvements will create safe and line of sight for parents facilities; lighting upgrades will provide safer and longer hour usage of facilities; and new scoreboards will offer a more suitable facility for hosting tournaments.

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



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Activities will include infield and outfield conditioning and refurbishment including turf care, baseline alignment, new bases and pitching mounds. Enhanced lighting with low energy LED light fixtures, dugout modifications to allow for direct line of site of children for parents and coaches.

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

Francis Athletic Park is utilized by Palatka Babe Ruth for its baseball program which runs enrollment of 300+ youth per season, Peniel Baptist Academy's youth baseball program as well as numerous local travel team organizations. Youth sports and athletics is a proven resource to engage community youth in activities which directly support their physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

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

All citizens of Putnam County as well as visitors to the county will be served by this project.

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

Project will benefit physical and mental health, cultural experience through community involvement, increased tourism, and reduction of substance abuse. Positive community feedback over improved field quality, increased park use, the hosting of tournaments at the park, and increased youth participation in competitive sports will be the qualitative indicators of the intended benefits of the program being realized.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number