



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2717

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

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Gulfport will construct a new, larger and more senior-centered facility. The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center enriches the lives of residents through physical and mental activities. Additionally, after a hurricane, the new facility will serve a vital function of providing a public space where residents can access services such as power, water, cooling/HVAC and food distribution.

The construction will be structurally hardened to meet the requirements of the Florida Building Code. The windows will be impact resistant to withstand hurricane force winds. After a storm, when most of the community will not have power because of downed power lines, the Senior Center will be equipped with a generator so that it will have power to serve the community.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	15%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,500,000	11%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	10,000,000	74%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	13,500,000	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.**
-



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2717

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.

\$6,181,536
 1. Provide premium pay for essential employees.
 2. Invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.
 3. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency.

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 Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center is city owned and operated.

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	These funds will help cover the cost of materials needed for the building's construction.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2717

The goal of this project, in which we are seeking support, is to provide essential services to more community members by building a new, larger and more senior-focused Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center. This facility will be used on daily basis to enrich the lives of residents. In addition, after a hurricane, the facility will also serve a vital function of providing a public space where residents can access services such as power, water, cooling/HVAC and food distribution.

The construction will be structurally hardened to meet the requirements of the Florida Building Code. The windows will be impact resistant to withstand hurricane force winds. At a time when most of the community will not have power because of downed power lines, the Senior Center will be equipped with a generator so that it will have power.

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

The Senior Center is a hub and gathering place for community. We offer multiple and varied programs and activities that address all six dimensions of wellness: physical • intellectual • emotional • occupational/financial • spiritual • community/social.

Numerous clubs and social events provide seniors with opportunities to stay connected, feel valued and face lifechanging events together, such as sharing transitions into retirement or the loss of a loved one—all in a safe and supportive environment.

The educational classes and life-long learning that takes place at the Senior Center helps keep participants alert, engaged and mentally active. In addition, the Senior Center offers food pantry assistance, a community referral database, the Gulfport Extended Minibus Services (GEMS provides transportation to seniors for medical visits, events and activities) and the Sr Center's Reassurance Program (providing daily check up calls to older adults who have been referred to the program)

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

The Senior Center also serves as a central hub for older adults to receive community resources and social services that help them maintain their independence and quality of life.

Community resources available at the Senior Center include, but are not limited to: SHINE (Medicare assistance); AARP Driver Safety Program; Meals on Wheels; Community Law Program; Gulf Coast Legal Services; and the Lion's Club Vision Program.

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

The target population is older adults aged 55+; many with poor mental/physical health; jobless; economically disadvantaged; physically disabled. Approximately 7,000 community members will be served with anticipated growth after the facility is built.

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

The benefit of the construction of the City of Gulfport's Multipurpose Senior Center is to support the independence and increased quality of life of its participants. With the addition of a new building, we will be contributing to the health, welfare, safety and dignity of all our citizens, particularly the older adults we serve every day.

This outcome will be measured by registration, attendance, participation, data, and surveys.

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?

Project funds would not be reimbursed until completion and inspection of the project.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2717

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

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number