



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2686

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funding will aid the development of the Billy Bowlegs Multi-Cultural Center, intended to serve the increasing population growth and recreational needs of City of Fort Myers. Designed to be a nexus of community well-being and cultural support, redevelopment will revitalize the park's identity as a thriving gathering place for at-risk-youth, families, and adults and construct a facility to foster recreational, educational, and outreach programs and that will unify and support residents.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 1,500,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,500,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 1,500,000 | 50% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 1,500,000 | 50% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 | 3,000,000 | 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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The City spent and/or allocated \$15,759,486.00 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provided through the American Rescue Plan Act. This funding was utilized for Affordable Housing Projects and allocated toward the Water Plant Expansion project.

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/01/23

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/23

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 City of Fort Myers will own and receive the funding allocated.

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 | The funds will support the construction of the community center, particularly used to increase resiliency of the facilities and increase the public utilities on sight. | 1,500,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,500,000 |

14. Program Performance

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

The construction of the Billy Bowlegs multi-cultural center. It will serve as a primary source for recreational athletic and community outreach programs.

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



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The facility will offer community events, such as post disaster, community festivals, and information events. Offers opportunity for youth education, including STARS after school and summer camp program. STARS provides enrichment opportunities for at risk and disadvantaged youth.

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

After the construction of this facility, the entirety of the facility updates are intended to be forward facing community opportunities.

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

This intends to serve the entirety of the population of Fort Myers, but primarily seeks to serve the constituents of Ward 1.

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

Provide youth the opportunity to have recreational outlets and inspire athletic and educational succes as an alternative to crime oriented activities. This will be measured by the decrease in crime rates, and icontinued interest in the program.

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?

Repayment of funds

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
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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