



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1839

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will provide renovations to the Lake Wales Family Recreation Center to include: roof replacement, racquetball court renovations, basketball court renovations, interior and exterior painting, playground equipment and installation, and a city nursery and community garden.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

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)	1,200,000	55%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	45%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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Yes, the City received \$7 Million in ARPA Funds. The funds were allocated for the following projects: alternative water supply, affordable housing, and business incubator.

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?

October 1, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

September 30, 2026

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.

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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	Roof Replacement (\$200,000), Racquetball Court Renovations (\$150,000), Basketball Renovations (\$200,000), Exterior Paint (\$100,000), Additional Interior Painting and Renovations (\$100,000), Playground Equipment & installation (\$150,000), and City Nursery & Community Garden (\$300,000)	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The goal of this project is to provide citizens of Lake Wales and surrounding communities with a renovated facility to address overall health and wellness. In a 2021 Needs Assessment Study, a Community/Multi-Use Center, along with programming and sports, were priorities from stakeholders. In 2022, the City Commission identified improving Quality of Life as one of their strategic goals. Renovating this facility would aid in providing programming and recreational opportunities for all.

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

The funds will provide renovations to the Recreation Center, which provides health, wellness, fitness, and cultural arts classes and community events for all ages.

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

The facility will provide services to build strong individuals and families, while developing healthy habits from youth to seniors through varied programming.

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

The target population includes all students, adults, and senior citizens in Lake Wales and surrounding areas. The population of Lake Wales is roughly 16,774 (census.gov), but the facility will also serve visitors outside of the city limits.

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

The Lake Wales Family Recreation Center renovations will allow visitors to participate in physical activities and fitness classes to improve brain health, help manage weight, reduce risk of disease, and strengthen bones and muscles. According to an article from kldnow.com, "Polk County is the heaviest county in Florida" (Butterfield, 2019). The renovations will also allow visitors to reduce anxiety and depression, enhance creativity, and improve social networks. Lastly, the renovations will help to boost tourism and enhance property values. "Parks and recreation is an engine for economic activity", according to the National Recreation and Park Association (Roth, 2023). We will measure all the benefits through tracking the number of visitors, conducting satisfaction surveys, and monitoring property values.

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?

If the project is not completed within the requirements of the grant agreement, the funding may be withdrawn.

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)



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Local Entity

University or College

Other (please specify) Municipality

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