



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1070

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Sports and Education Pathway to College program is created to provide sports and education training opportunities for students of low-income rural areas of Florida. Young people from these communities are facing extreme odds for college acceptance and sports excellence compared to those from wealthier communities due to the lack of opportunities available to them. The Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Foundation Inc has the programs and resources to help students reach their full potential in tennis and education support to ensure success in school and life. These programs take place year-round and provide over 1,200 students the opportunity to learn and grow through sports and school. These select students will also be provided with college placement support. This program is designed to allow any student whose family does not have the means to pursue a better future through sports and education.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>300,000</b>

**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)	300,000	92%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	25,000	8%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>325,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?



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No

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

## 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)?

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.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Coaches and educators providing direct services to students will be the primary cost of the programs.	229,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment given directly to kids in need.	46,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	College placement services are contracted vendors who have a network of coaches/schools to help young people find the best school based on a variety of factors. These services ensure that our young people are getting the maximum scholarship based on their high school results.	25,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>300,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The goal of the requested funds is to provide a pathway for success and opportunity for college through sports and education for students affected by generational poverty and those living in low-income communities. Students in the target demographic are not developing the physical and cognitive skills necessary to reach their full potential in life. The Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Foundation Inc in partnership with the City of Zephyrhills and The Sarah Vande Berg Tennis and Wellness Center (Tennis Pro Florida LLC) are providing the programs and resources necessary to send hundreds of students from low-income communities each year to college.

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

These funds will allow The Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Foundation to provide over 5,000 hours of sports and athletic development programs for students of all ability levels from ages 4 to 18 years old. The program includes educational resources to ensure a pathway to college is available including tutoring and homework support, and college placement services. Eligible students for the program must live in a catchment area of Title 1 schools or provide documentation showing financial hardship.

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

Citizens will be given the opportunity to enroll their children in a no-cost tennis and education program at a state-of-the-art facility with world-class coaches.

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

The target population served by this project is children of low-income families and students who attend Title 1 schools. Over 1,200 students will be reached through this project.

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

The expected outcome is to provide a pathway to college and success in life through sports and education. We will measure the high school graduation rates of our students, college acceptance rate, and scholarship money offered to the graduates. We will measure retention year-over-year, high school graduation rates, college acceptance rates and scholarship money offered to all who participate in this 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?**

Funding would be withheld via a grant agreement with DOE for deliverables not achieved

**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)

**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**