



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1555

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Fort Lauderdale's parks infrastructure issues are getting worse and costs have rapidly escalated. Funding is needed for the installation of a new multipurpose field at Hardy Park. As an additional benefit, by converting the existing Bermuda grass fields at Hardy Park to artificial turf, it will greatly reduce maintenance demand, costs, and additional water usage. In an age where the need to conserve water is critical, the addition of this field will promote water conservation and aid in furthering the City's sustainability initiatives.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	555,000
Total State Funds Requested	555,000

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)	555,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	555,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,110,000	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.

Local general revenue and City of Fort Lauderdale Park Bond funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes



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

The City has received \$38.1M of federal assistance related to COVID-19 pandemic and the funding was used as a revenue replacement to fund Community Investment Plan Projects. Those projects range from fire stations, roadway improvements, bridges, seawalls, and other infrastructure improvements.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 30, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 30, 2024

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.

Parks and Recreation Department within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

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	Purchase and installation of artificial turf	555,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		555,000

14. Program Performance

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

Installation of the artificial turf will greatly reduce maintenance demand, costs, and additional water usage. Today, water conservation is critical, thus, this improvement will promote the City's sustainability initiatives.

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



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Use of the athletic field.

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

Healthy living and water conservation.

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

Residents, general public, and visitors of Fort Lauderdale.

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

Continued collaborations with high schools to host track & field competitions, football games, and other activities. These will be tracked by comparing the data from previous years.

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?

Penalties for failing to meet deliverables are that the City is required to refund the funding back to the state.

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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information



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