



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1210

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funding will support Phase 1 of facility expansion from 18,000 square feet to 40,000. As the community hub in south Santa Rosa County, the YMCA of Northwest Florida has recognized the need for health and wellness, seniors, childcare, and youth programming as demonstrated through county data and multiple third-party studies. The YMCA Board has approved the Y to move forward. This expansion will provide safe spaces for youth, intergenerational program areas, expanded childcare, and support to seniors, bringing trusted YMCA services to a community that lacks adequate recreation and wellness programs. The YMCA of Northwest Florida Foundation is prepared to fund a portion of this project. Separate market studies from two third-party companies spanning a 10-year period show a clear, compelling need for more wellness, recreation, and youth programs in south Santa Rosa. Needs persist in aquatics, fitness/exercise studios, a teen center, senior programs, and health education.

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	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	42%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	3,500,000	58%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	6,000,000	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.



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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.

The YMCA of Northwest Florida received \$1,102,420 through the Paycheck Protection Program, which was used to maintain payroll, for employee retention, and for overhead.

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 YMCA of Northwest Florida will receive the funding and will be the owner of the facility.

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	Funding will support purchase and installation of a 4,200-square-foot modular building for out-of-school time and youth programs, locker room renovation, and expansion of the wellness center of a suburban YMCA. This addition will house youth after-school, wellness, recreation, and enrichment programs, which are offered on a sliding scale, with no one turned away for financial reasons.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The funding will support Phase 1 of a \$20 million facility expansion from 18,000 square feet to 40,000. As the community hub in south Santa Rosa County, we have discovered needs for childcare, health and wellness, seniors, and youth programming for area residents. This expansion will provide safe spaces for youth, intergenerational program areas, expanded childcare, and support to seniors. This project will bring trusted YMCA services to a community that lacks adequate childcare, recreation and wellness programs.

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

The project will support larger and safer spaces for childcare; health and wellness programs for all ages; aquatics; expanded teen programs; physical activity and socialization programs for seniors; family programming; intergenerational activities; volunteer opportunities; and community outreach. Locker room renovations will increase safety for all ages, especially youth.

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

The multi-purpose building will house out-of-school time programs, including before-school, after-school, summer day camp, and teen programs. This will provide a safe and dedicated space for youth services. Funding will enable us to double youth served annually from 65 to 130 and provide a safe haven for middle schoolers and teens. We also will reach 2,800 more member units with expanded health and wellness programs.

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

Youth and teens will be a primary target population, as we will now have dedicated space for young people to learn and grow through programs designed for them, rather than sharing space with adult wellness in the main facility. The project will serve the general population, especially persons with poor physical health, elderly persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, grade school and high school students. More than 5,000 individuals will be served.

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

Youth will benefit from safe spaces designed for childcare and programs that target them. All participants will experience a safer locker room experience with a modern design. Participants will experience improved physical and mental health. Youth will experience academic enrichment. We will engage members in health and wellness activities; personal training and weight loss; chronic disease prevention and management; sports and recreation; aquatic programs; wellness education. We will track membership enrollment and measure participant health data such as weight, fitness capacity, flexibility; class attendance and participant assessments of key determinants of health. We will engage more youth in physical activity and structured social interaction with positive role models to improve mental health outcomes. We will track reduction in the rate of behavioral incident reports. We will survey parents to evaluate improved academic performance of youth in out-of-school programs.

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 deliverables or performance measures are not met, funds will be returned 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



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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