



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1156

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

State appropriations would be allocated towards revitalization improvements to the City's central park, which houses the City's community center and abuts the historical and majority African American neighborhood of East Stuart. These enhancements include a new multi-purpose field for variety recreation and play activities, restrooms, children's play area, fitness loop, pavilions, and stormwater and irrigation infrastructure enhancements. Guy Davis Park also serves a nearby school (JD Parker Elementary) with a local area that is historically blighted and includes undeserved persons who will benefit from the park improvements. Revitalizing the City's central park, which lies in the heart of the Stuart Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) will provide critical facilities and recreational services that have been more than two-decades in the making.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	14%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	6,000,000	86%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	7,000,000	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?



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

The City of Stuart (to date) received \$8,132,360 from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. Funds have been used to offset dollars spent on emergency response and overtime for personnel, Alternative Water Supply infrastructure, water/sewer infrastructure, law enforcement response to violent crimes and gun violence, community nonprofit support, dispatch and police officer equipment, streetscape improvements, and stormwater projects.

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 City of Stuart is the owner of the facility and the entity. Fixed capital outlay for the local match will come from a combination of CRA (TIF funds) revenue and the levying of a bond. The park is a central hub for the city, which will likely serve both the adjoining neighborhood and the community at large.

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	Various revitalization improvements to the City's central park, which houses the City's community center and abuts the historical and majority African American neighborhood of East Stuart. These enhancements include a new multi-purpose field for variety recreation and play, restrooms, children's play area, fitness loop, pavilions, and stormwater and irrigation infrastructure enhancements.	1,000,000



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	1,000,000
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14. Program Performance

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

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

Although appropriated funds will be used for capital outlay, the resulting revitalized park and amenities will afford area residents and the larger community a central gathering space for programs and activities. These activities will also reach a community in a neighborhood area with at-risk youth, economically disadvantaged persons, elderly, and persons with disability or impairment.

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

Activities will include recreational and educational programs, a healthy [walking] trail, new parking and bathroom facilities, and beautification enhancements to improve a previously blighted area. It is also important to note the park improvements will primarily start with critical stormwater infrastructure installation to retain and treat water on site and protect surrounding homes.

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

The City contains a population of more than 17,000 persons, however, Stuart is a centralized commercial hub for Martin County and southern Port. St. Lucie. As a result, statistical data from the City's downtown parks show a substantial visitation from both tourists and members of the larger community outside city jurisdiction. Moreover, the park has been designed with regional and national tourism in-mind, with a multi-purpose field that can serve as a host for tournament play.

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

Primarily, the new facilities included in the park will provide a totally new recreational, cultural, and family-oriented experience for thousands of visitors everyday. The existing (30-acre) park site is largely unimproved and is inadequate for the existing (and future) demand. The growth of recreational programs and scheduling of new facilities will be tracked by the City's recreational department, who is tasked with coordinating and managing all use of park amenities.

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?

Penalty for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures would be withholding of funding until grant administration is reconciled with desired objectives. The City has a long and successful history collaborating and cooperating with FDEP on various grant-awarded projects.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**



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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

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number