



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1848

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Bonnet Springs Park is vibrant community park and our growth and utilization exceeds the available parking. The funds will be used to significantly expand the amount of parking spaces at our park. During peak times, we often run out of parking which limits our visitation. With many guests driving more than an hour to visit the park, this parking challenge dampens our ability to provide outdoor passive recreation to the visiting public especially at peak times when events are held.

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	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

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)	1,500,000	86%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	250,000	14%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,750,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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.



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### 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/02/2024

**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.**

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**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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Parking Construction	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>

**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?



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Bonnet Springs Park provides more than 10 free public events per month on average. Those events are based around our pillars of nature, culture, recreation, and education. The park is a 168 acre attraction which has no admission fee. Favorable weather drives visitation from around all of Central Florida to levels that can exhaust available parking in the morning on weekends.

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

Our park is a free public park which has attracted regional and statewide interest. Increased parking capacity supports our mission of providing free public access is available to the highest number of citizens we can serve

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

The majority of funds will benefit no specific group. Greater than 800 people to benefit.

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

Our park provides outdoor recreational and exercise opportunities, with numerous miles of trails we know that our park contributes to the physical health of our attendees. Attendance numbers are tracked daily and year over year. More available parking will allow additional guests to come to our cultural events such as our Hispanic heritage festival, craft markets, and concerts. Attendance numbers can be tracked by day and event year over year. Providing more parking inside the park significantly improves the local traffic conditions around the park, especially at peak times and during scheduled events. Attendance is measured. Bonnet Springs Park hosts visitors from all of Central Florida in a 1.5-2 hour drive market. This will ensure strong visitation to the park ensuring guests will be able to park when they arrive from out of market locales. Attendance can be tracked year over year.

**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?**

We will hold the contractor to specific deliverables and withhold funds to the contractor if those are not met.

**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



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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**