



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1542

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The proposed project will allow critical access to safe, outdoor play and event space for elementary students, senior citizens, and families living in Western Jupiter, FL. The field is located adjacent to the West Jupiter Community Group on Church Street in Limestone Creek - an area identified as high need or ALICE, (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed). The land for the grass field is owned by the West Jupiter Community Group, (d.b.a Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center), a 501(c)3 which has been a hub of the community it serves since 1986. The scope of work consists of finalizing the design plans to construct new drainage infrastructure, install irrigation, and construct a grass multi-use playing field.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	80,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>80,000</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)	80,000	80%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	20,000	20%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>100,000</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?



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

PPP loans (Paycheck Protection Plan)  
 1) \$94,300.55 - To cover EE salaries during mandatory closure.  
 2) \$89,512.00 - To retain the employees and cover parent fees after re-opening.

## 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?

May 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

May 2023

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.

West Jupiter Community Group, Inc., as owner

### 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	Demo and removal of existing area - \$5,250 Construction of field - \$70,000 Engineering, Design, Permitting, Fees - \$4,750	80,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>80,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

An outdoor multi-use grass playing field will be constructed within the underserved community of Limestone Creek, FL, to serve the children and families at the West Jupiter Community Group, (DBA Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center). The elementary-aged students and their families need access to safe, outdoor play spaces.



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

The funds will create a multi-use field which will be a game-changing resource for the children and families in the community. Engineering, design and grading services are included in the estimate to prepare the field for proper drainage and irrigation. Adequate and appropriate grading and sod will be placed. The field will be prepped for sports, free play, community events, and ceremonies for the community's students, senior citizens, and families.

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

The funds will create a multi-use field which will be a game-changing resource for the children and families in the community. The safe, fenced, grass field will support sporting events, a health and wellness program, and critical unstructured outdoor play for elementary students. Additionally, the field will be a resource for community events and a hub for community outreach. Seniors and families in the identified community lack access to outdoor areas for family-strengthening events and community gatherings which build community cohesiveness.

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

The WJCG is a community-centric organization that serves children and residents and 750 homes in Limestone Creek and Kennedy Estates located in the 33458 zip code in Northern Palm Beach County, Florida. 90% of the 175 students and 60 seniors live below the poverty line and are considered Asset Limited Income Restricted Employed (ALICE).

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

Numerous studies confirmed the many mental and physical benefits of outdoor play and access to green space has been shown to reduce anxiety, depression, and stress which results in extensive academic and social-emotional support. Both qualitative and quantitative impacts are to be measured. The families served by the WJCG will increase their outdoor play by having access to a safe, well-built multi-use playing field. WJCG will also track the number of citizens served and student academic achievement. The program also utilizes pre- and post-assessments will measure student outcomes, skills learned, and knowledge gains.

**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?**

Failure to meet deliverables without notification will result in financial penalties as described in contract.

The increments of financial consequences that shall apply must be based upon the severity of the noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance.

**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)



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- 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**