



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1929

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

4. Project/Program Description

For over 60 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida has provided safe, positive places for young people to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens. The Bridge Learning Center Boys & Girls Club opened in 2017, merging with The Bridge and Project SOS to enable us to reach more young people in Duval County. We serve 120 at-risk youth, approximately 95 each day after school here. We partner with schools, transporting students to the Club, where young people have the added support and mentoring they need to build academic skills, take on leadership opportunities, cultivate meaningful, supportive relationships, and enhance their mental and physical health and wellness in the out-of-school hours. Built in 1996, there is a need for renovations at the Club that include replacing flooring and A/C units, interior paint, kitchen and bathroom remodel. This will enable us to continue providing the afterschool enrichment our at-risk young people so badly need.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	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)	500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	500,000	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.

In April 2020, BGCNF received a PPP loan of \$1,274,100. Based on qualifying expenses through 7/31/2020, and compliance with other aspects of the PPP, it was determined that 100% of the loan was forgivable. Through the US Dept. of Treasury, passed through City of Jacksonville, BGCNF also received COVID 19 Business Grant Funds in the amount of \$471,439.

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.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida owns The Bridge Learning Center Boys & Girls Club.

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	New flooring throughout Club, interior wall refresh/paint, industrial kitchen & bathroom remodel, 2 A/C Units.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The goal of these funds is to renovate The Bridge Learning Center Boys & Girls Club in order to keep it safe and provide a relevant, welcoming space to our young people ages 6-18. Offering a Club that is up to modern standards is important in reinforcing with our young people that they are first class citizens. This building was originally built in 1996 and has the original flooring throughout the Club. Tile is chipping and badly worn in some spots. The kitchen and bathrooms need to be remodeled, and both AC units in this two-story building need to be replaced. This month, we updated the elevator to bring it up to code. These funds will ultimately allow us to serve young people in the community safely and without interruption. The Bridge Learning Center Club is a safe place for young people to come in the after-school hours and during summer to build relationships with supportive adults, be mentored, and build skills so that they can go on to have great futures.

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

At the Bridge Learning Center Boys & Girls Club, Club members receive tutoring, homework help and a hot meal every day after school. They have the chance to participate in STEM learning; workforce development, career preparation, and mentoring; creative expression through arts projects; leadership and character development; health and wellness; and sports and recreation, all enhancing social, emotional, and physical development.

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

We offer a hot meal and professionally designed and lead programs in our five central focus areas that empower young people in Education & Workforce Readiness, Character & Leadership, Health & Wellness, the Arts, and Sports & Recreation every day after school and in the summer. We continue to achieve positive outcomes by integrating youth development principles that emphasize positive relationships, self-confidence, goal setting and leadership skills. Young people improve their grades, make healthy choices, eliminate risky behaviors, build self-esteem, and develop social skills as they prepare themselves for colleges and careers of their choosing.

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

While we serve any young person ages 6-18, the vast majority of Club members live at or below the federal poverty level. We serve 95 young people each day at this Club, with 120 registered Club members; 62% live with a single parent and an additional 13% live in a non-parent/alternate custody home. Currently, 98% receive free or reduced fee lunch at school. The neighborhoods they live in see high rates of violent crime, gang activity, food insecurity, and low educational attainment. Research shows that nearly one-third of all violent crime committed by juvenile offenders occurs during the afterschool hours. Having young people spend time at our Club keeps them out of harm's way while supporting them to build the decision-making, social, and academic skills and experience they need to also keep them out of the juvenile justice system and on track for a great future.

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

Through our annual evaluations, the National Youth Outcome Initiative, we expect the following outcomes: 95% of our young people expect to graduate high school; 87% of our young people expect to get some type of post-secondary education after high school graduation (college, including Master's degree, or vocational/trade school); 86% of our young people feel strongly and very strongly about their avoidance of risky behavior (smoking, alcohol, marijuana & fighting); 89% of our young people feel a sense of belonging at their Club. (A sense of belonging supports positive mental health and emotional well-being.)

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?

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida will follow all rules and regulations associated with administering the funding contract. Furthermore, we intend to fully utilize all of the appropriated funds. Should any portion of the project not be completed, we will return the associated funding.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



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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

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number