



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1514

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The City of Bonifay owns and maintains Memorial Field which is the only space available to the community for large outdoor events. The existing facilities within the park include a football field, concession stands, bathrooms, bleachers, call boxes, and rodeo chutes. Annually, the park is used for the Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo. This event has been taking place within the city for 75 years. The rodeo occurs during the first weekend in October each year and attracts over 25,000 people (eight times the population of Bonifay). The park has been slowly deteriorating over time and the City doesn't have the funds in place for the needed repairs. Additionally, during Hurricane Michael many trees were downed within the park further destroying some of the park's infrastructure. If the needed repairs aren't made, the stadium will become dilapidated and in disrepair.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,710,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,710,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,710,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>1,710,000</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.**



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The city doesn't have funds in place to provide the needed improvements and would have to pursue funding by state or federal grant programs.  
 The city is designated as a rural area of opportunity. Only one additional year of funding would be required from the state if funded during this fiscal year.

**10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

Yes

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

The city received funds under the CARES Act to cover police salaries as a result of the COVID relief effort in the amount of \$244,983.14.

**11. 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	This project includes surveying fees for the entire project as well as design, permitting, inspection, and construction of the immediate repairs needed for Memorial Field. The immediate need repairs will prevent further deterioration of the existing infrastructure.	1,710,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,710,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

Memorial Field is home to football games, graduations, the annual Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo, and other various events. Existing structures within the stadium have exceeded their useful lifespan. Deterioration was partially caused by erosion. Bleacher support structures, guardrails, and handrails are in need of immediate replacement. Drainage improvements would prevent erosion and further deterioration. The proposed improvements would provide a safe environment for all users of this facility.

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

Engineering and inspection services and utilization of various construction vendors would be required to complete the project and ensure funds are spent in the most beneficial way to address the needed repairs and improvements. The project would provide a new bleacher support structure, handrails, and rehabilitated drainage components to prevent flooding/ponding and ultimately improve safety.

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



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Memorial Field is the only facility that is available for large outdoor events. It is the home of the Holmes County High School football team, graduation venue, Pee Wee football, and the Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo. The improvements proposed will ensure safety for all persons who attend these and other various events. The improvements proposed would provide a safe environment for all.

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

Funding would benefit all groups within the city as well as the county and surrounding areas; more than 800 people.

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

Memorial Field Improvements would provide a more enjoyable and safer experience for citizens and visitors who attend the various events held at the facility. Ticket sales for already established events and the number of events held would be specific measures of the benefit of improvements. Tax revenue would be another measure due to attendees patronizing city businesses before and after events. Drainage improvements would reduce the amount of stormwater discharging onto the Memorial Field property and reduce deterioration of structural components due to erosion. Opinion surveys would be distributed to allow people who attend events to rank improvements. Ticket sales, the number of events held at the facility, and tax revenues would be evaluated prior to and after improvements to differentiate the benefit of the project. A stormwater model would be prepared to evaluate the existing and improved drainage system and to quantify the reduction of stormwater discharging onto the property.

**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?**

The city would award the contract through a bid process. The bid documents would address how liquidated damages for project overruns would be handled. The contractor would incur a cost per day for each day that exceeds the substantial and final completion dates. The bid documents would require that the contractor provide performance and payments bonds, and a 10% retainer would be withheld to ensure any issues are resolved or corrected in a timely fashion.

**13. 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 Bonifay is the owner and entity.



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number