

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2023-2024

1. Project Title	Tucker Ranch Holistic Health and Wellness Park & Teaching Farm - City of Winter Garden

2. Senate Sponsor Dennis Baxley

3. Date of Request 01/30/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Winter Garden, in partnership with Healthy West Orange and Advent Health, is requesting \$2.5 Million to build a state-of-the-art holistic health and wellness park with a working and teaching farm at Tucker Ranch with a certified health and nutrition curriculum. New facilities to be built include an outdoor kitchen, greenhouse, a retreat center for health and wellness programming along with fitness courses and gardens.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	9%	
Matching Funds			
Federal	0	0%	
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%	
Local	17,300,000	64%	
Other	7,200,000	27%	
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	27,000,000	100%	

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

Yes	

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 2,500,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

N/A

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

Yes



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

The City was reimbursed \$271,454 from the CARES ACT for the necessary expenditures incurred due to the Public Health Emergency responding to COVID-19.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

- a. What is the current phase of the project?
 - OPlanning ODesign OConstruction
- 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.

Yes 10/2023

9/2025

City of Winter Garden

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	The construction documents are complete with work scheduled to begin October 2023. State funds will be used to construct the 209 acre Health and Wellness Park and Farm. Examples include: teaching kitchen, teaching and working farm, greenhouse and a retreat community center, trails, gardens and fitness areas.	2,500,000	
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)			

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?

The City of Winter Garden started providing health and nutrition classes a few years back and found that they were very popular and well-received by the community. Some examples include yoga, tai chi, nutrition classes, weight loss and cooking classes. The community continually requests more of this programming. The City will collaborate with the Health & Wellness Consortium.

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

Develop certified curriculum for nutrition education, mental health and fitness. Examples: Health Screening, Healthy Meal Planning, Understanding Heart Disease, Cooking Classes, Farm Field Trips, Vegetable Gardening 101, Canning 101, Weight training, Running and Walking Clubs, Yoga, Tai Chi, Silver Sneakers, Work Life Balance and Importance of Nature to Your Wellbeing.

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

Elderly Persons, Persons with poor mental and physical health, Economically disadvantage persons, At-risk youth, Developmentally disabled, Physically disabled, Preschool students, Grade school students, High school students, University/College students and General (the majority of funds will benefit no specific group). Target population is >800,000.

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

There will be a full range of educational programming and services for adults, children, seniors and teens ranging from healthy eating, fitness and mental wellbeing. The overall expected benefit is to improve individual health and well being, with the goal of either preventing, reducing symptoms of, or reversing disease.

Outcome will be measured by the total number of class attendees through RecTrac System, total lbs. of local produce grown and sold through an inventory system TBD (including city partners/vendors), total number of fitness programs and attendees through RecTrac System. Fitness and health before and after outcomes through health assessments by partner providers.

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?

Return of funds for failure to complete the project.

15. Requester Contact Information

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16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization City of Winter Garden

b. Municipality and County Orange

c. Organization Type



□For Profit Entity				
	□Non Profit 501(c)(3)			
	□Non Profit 501(c)(4)			
☑Local Entity				
□University or Co	□University or College			
□Other (please sp	□Other (please specify)			
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d. Phone Number				