



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1992

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

4. Project/Program Description

For 60 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida (BGCNF) has provided safe, positive places for young people to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens. Alachua County Clubs, the oldest Boys & Girls Club in the state of Florida with over 75 years of service to the Alachua Community, merged with BGCNF in 2020. Our two Community-Based Clubs in Gainesville serve 146 at-risk youth each day after school. We partner with local schools, transporting students to the Clubs, where young people have the added support they need to build academic skills, take on leadership opportunities, cultivate meaningful and supportive relationships, and enhance their mental and physical health and wellness. Due to the age of the Northwest Boys & Girls Club, there is an immediate need to replace the roof and to secure new means of transportation, enabling us to continue to provide the afterschool enrichment that our Alachua county at-risk young people so badly need.

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

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	499,000
Total State Funds Requested	499,000

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)	499,000	71%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	200,000	29%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	699,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No
- 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?

Yes

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

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.

BGCNF is the owner of the Alachua County Boys & Girls Clubs, including Northwest Boys & Girls Club and Woodlands Park Boys & Girls Club. Paul Martinez is the President and CEO of BGCNF who will handle the project funds with BGCNF Chief Finance Officer, Bob Tedeschi.

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 Roof on Northwest Boys & Girls Club: \$250,000 (1) 77 Capacity School Bus: \$141,000 (2) 15 Passenger Vans: \$108,000	499,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		499,000



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14. Program Performance

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

Since the Alachua County Clubs have merged with BGCNF, we have been patching water leaks in the roof at the Northwest Club on a regular basis. A total roof replacement is necessary at this time, in order for us to keep the Club and all of the services we provide sound and sustainable. Also due to age, our current transportation that is used to take students from schools to the Club, on college campus visits and other college and career readiness activities, as well as for sports programming and more, is no longer reliable. These funds, along with funds we have already raised, will allow us to purchase new vehicles.

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

The intended purpose of these funds will enable us to to replace the old roof at Northwest Boys & Girls Club with a needed new roof, as well as to purchase reliable transportation for our Club members, including 2 passenger vans and one school bus. Ultimately, this capital project will allow us to continue to properly serve the at-risk young people in our Alachua community, and welcome in all young people who need a place to feel safe and inspired after school along with our professional staff who reflect the communities we serve.

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. 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?

The vast majority of youth we serve live at or below the federal poverty level; 57% live with a single parent and an additional 10% live in a non-parent home. Currently, 92% 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 harms 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.

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; 88% of our young people expect to get some type of post-secondary education after high school graduation (college, including Masters degree, or vocational/trade school); 89% of our young people feel strongly and very strongly about their avoidance of risky behavior (smoking, alcohol, marijuana & fighting); 91% 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