



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2069

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds requested are for recreational improvements at the City owned largest recreational facility, Farr Field Park. The City is a Financially Disadvantaged Municipality located in Hardee County that is designated as a Rural Area of Economic Opportunity. The City has invested in the design services for these improvements that address the community's needs for improved/new baseball fields, dug-outs, fencing, entryway improvements, safety drop-off area, ADA and appropriate parking, picnic area, pergola, covered pavilion, splash pad, playground, family tent area, covered bleacher seating and landscaping. In 2019, the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) embarked on the creation of a Parks Master Plan, with input from the public and a master plan was created with concepts for Farr Field Park. Farr Field Park serves as home to the Hardee County Youth Softball (HCYS) organization and the Youth Baseball teams may hold practice sessions at the Park.

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	2,867,458
Total State Funds Requested	2,867,458

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)	2,867,458	94%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	180,000	6%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	3,047,458	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?

Yes

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

Received \$2,397,086; Funds used for water and sewer infrastructure, lost revenue selection and use of funds for general governmental services.

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?

07/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2025

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.

The City is the owner and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual engineering project management, administration and construction services for recreational improvements as designed	2,867,458
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,867,458

14. Program Performance

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



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Goal is to address the needs of the community with improvements to Farr Field Park that include baseball fields, dugouts, fencing, entryway improvements, safety drop-off area, ADA compliance, appropriate parking, picnic area, covered pavilion, splash pad, playground, family tent area, covered bleacher seating and landscaping.

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

Contractual engineering project management, administration and construction services to improve new baseball fields, dug-outs, fencing, entryway improvements, safety drop-off area, ADA and appropriate parking, picnic area, pergola, covered pavilion, splash pad, playground, family tent area, covered bleacher seating and landscaping.

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

Direct services include improving the quality-of-life & physical well-being, overall health of the community. Parks provide the potential for economic development, property values increases & enhance community cohesion. Farr Field Park is a dynamic community focal point. Improvements will provide the community & youth avenues to participate in organized sports, socialize with family and friends.

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

Target population is the citizenry of the City of Wauchula that is a Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.), located in Hardee County, which is designated as a Rural Area of Economic Concern/Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes) and surrounding communities including sports organizations, tourists, youth, visitors, retirees and residents throughout the State of Florida. Target population includes citizenry, residents, visitors, general public, the business community. Population expected to be served exceeds 25,000.

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

Expected benefit is meeting the community's need with improved recreational amenities which improves health, quality of life, and wealth of the community. Farr Field Park is the largest recreational park and is a dynamic focal point for the community. The completed improvements also provides for a way to promote economic development, attract visitors, increase tourism, which brings in additional revenues, enhance property values, increase of home buyers, workers, and environmental savings with reductions in managing stormwater costs. Measurement is certification of the project, community feedback, and tracking of usage.

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?

Non payment of invoices until milestones are achieved; implementation of a corrective action plan.

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)

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