



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2877

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

St. Johns County PAL serves as an athletic league and character program (Football, Cheer, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Boxing, Police Explorers and Teen Leadership) to more than 2,500 youth annually. PAL is a character based, relationship driven program. The goal is to provide young people with the foundation and motivation to excel in their lives and become successful, law-abiding citizens. The project includes the planning, permitting, engineering and construction of (2) synthetic turf multi-sport fields, (1) natural grass multi-sport field, (1) running Track, (1) covered multi-sport court, parking, irrigation, restrooms, storage facilities, and lighting systems. St. Johns County has donated 35 acres for this project. The funding would provide PAL with a permanent home and help promote a friendly environment for the youthful participants and their families as 40% of those struggling with poverty reside in the primary service area of St. Johns PAL.

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 | 5,900,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 5,900,000 |

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) | 5,900,000 | 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 2023-2024 | 5,900,000 | 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.

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



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Yes

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

3 rounds of premium pay for First Responders (this came from the County Commissioners): \$3,715,000
 2 Body Scanner for the jail: \$300,000
 Supply Vending Machines: \$70,000
 Reimbursement for working the Covid Vaccine site: \$117,500

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.

St. Johns County Board of County Commission will own the facilities and will be operated by the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office/St. Johns County Police Athletic League.

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 project includes the planning, permitting, engineering and construction of (2) synthetic turf multi-sport fields, (1) natural grass multi-sport field, (1) running Track, (1) covered multi-sport court, parking, irrigation, restrooms, storage facilities, and lighting systems. | 5,900,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 5,900,000 |

14. Program Performance



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

St. Johns County PAL serves as an athletic league and character program (Football, Cheer, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Boxing, Police Explorers and Teen Leadership) to more than 2,500 youth annually and struggles to compete for field space due availability. St. Johns County has donated 35 acres for this project. The funding would provide PAL with a permanent home and help promote a friendly environment for the youthful participants and their families as 40% of those struggling with poverty reside in the primary service area of St. Johns PAL.

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

Football, Cheer, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Boxing, Police Explorers and Teen Leadership programs.

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

The funding would provide PAL with a permanent home and help promote a friendly environment for the youthful participants and their families as 40% of those struggling with poverty reside in the primary service area of St. Johns PAL.

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

County-wide youth 5-18 years of age in need of assistance, character development, physical and mental fitness, and sportsmanship. 2,500 - 5,000 youth and their families to be served annually.

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

The benefits would help PAL promote a friendly environment for the youthful participants and their families, and law enforcement officers. The goal is to provide young people who come through our programs with the foundation and motivation to excel in their lives and become successful, law-abiding citizens. The methodology by which outcomes would be measured by analyzing the sports participation and character development program rates.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity



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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