



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2957

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast (BGCS) has owned and operated a club in Tarpon Springs since 1977. The Tarpon Springs Boys & Girls Club provides out-of-school programming annually for hundreds of youths and young adults ages 5 to 18. This location currently has an open-air basketball court area that we propose to enclose, making it into a year-around BGCS Teen Activity and Learning Center. The new space creates a safe location for teens in this underserved community to play sports, learn workforce readiness skills, and prepare to graduate from high school with a plan for their future. By using the existing footprint, the newly constructed enclosed facility will allow for increased programs and services for more youth and their families in Tarpon Springs and north Pinellas County.

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	4,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>

**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)	4,000,000	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 2023-2024</b>	<b>4,000,000</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.**

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



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

## 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.

### 13. 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	Construction on the site of the club's existing open-air basketball court area to build a year-around BGCS Teen Activity and Learning Center. Using the existing footprint, this new enclosed space would allow for more programs and services for more youth and families.	4,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>4,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast's Tarpon Springs Teen Activity and Learning Center creates a safe location for teens, in this underserved community, to play sports, learn workforce readiness skills, and prepare to graduate from high school with a plan for their future. Being able to utilize the space efficiently by enclosing it will allow for increased programs and services for more youth and their families in the Tarpon Springs and north Pinellas County areas.

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

With the assistance of BGCS youth development professionals, qualified teachers and behavioral specialists, the Tarpon Springs Teen Activity and Learning Center will provide empowerment programs that teach youth the fundamentals of self-awareness, healthy lifestyles, academic support, healthy relationships, and the soft skills necessary for employment.

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

Improved economic activities in the Tarpon Springs area will increase through employment of local residences at the Club. More youth served, means more teachers, coaches and club directors needed to guide youth in positive ways.

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

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast provides high quality out of school time Club experiences proven to ensure our young people, especially those that need us most, are on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrate good character and citizenship, and live a healthy lifestyle. The proposed project will further engage and grow the teen population and is expected to provide programming for over 100 at-risk teens annually.

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

Expected benefits/outcomes: (1) Reduced gang activity; (2) Reduced substance abuse; (3) Teens on target to graduate high school; (4) Teens gain workforce skills; (5) Teens gain employment and/or internships; (6) Teens improve or gain mental wellness, self-awareness, and positive decision-making.  
 Methodology: Quantitative: Pre/post assessments; report cards. Qualitative: outcome-driven instruction using evidence-quality programs developed by Boys & Girls Clubs of America; focus groups; observations and interviews.

**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 should apply.

**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)



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- 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**