



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1039

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of new recreational amenities for a redeveloped Lake Ariana Park, creating a regional attractor along FDOT's proposed Old Dixie Trail. Many project elements are currently ineligible for grant funding due to the City leasing much of the project area from the State. New amenities will complement a relocated Civic Center within the park, allowing for commercial and residential redevelopment of the City's former Civic Center in the Historic Downtown.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	30%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,759,268	70%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,509,268	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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		
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	Construction of new outdoor recreational amenities on State-owned lands for Lake Ariana Park - specifically a boat ramp, dock, pier, playground equipment, sand volleyball court, seven (7) pavilions, pergola, and restroom facilities.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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

Funds requested will improve State lands with construction of new recreational amenities for a redeveloped Lake Ariana Park, creating a regional attractor along FDOT's proposed Old Dixie Trail. Many project elements are ineligible for grant funding due to the City leasing much of the project area from the State. New amenities will complement a relocated Civic Center within the park, allowing for commercial and residential redevelopment of the City's former Civic Center in the Historic Downtown.

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



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

Direct services include new park and recreational infrastructure/programming - which will improve physical, mental, and social well-being via exposure to nature. The new amenities will enable citizens to exercise and socialize - improving the overall quality of life of citizens.

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

The general public in Auburndale and Polk County will be able to utilize the facilities. Thousands of residents.

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

Improvement of Lake Ariana Park will promote outdoor activity for all citizens, by providing a safe and positive place for children when not in school, and adults a space to congregate in nature safely. Health Department and crime statistics before and after redevelopment.

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 in the contract?

Standard funding penalties would apply due to the nature of this construction project, no additional penalties are suggested.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?



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a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number



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