



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1062

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Sarasota County's Twin Lakes Park (TLP) was used as a temporary County Staging Area in 2024 in response to three major hurricanes (Debby, Helene, Milton). Its size, proximity to I-75, secured space, and availability of equipment and resources makes it an ideal facility for staging operations. Improvements will help make our community more resilient and better prepared for future disasters as well as potential support of State staging operations.

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	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

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)	1,500,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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)?** No

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** 10/01/2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 4/30/2026

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

The proposed county/regional staging area improvements are located within Twin Lakes Park, an active public park and home to the Parks Internal Operations Division (Maintenance Team). The proposed improvements have little to no ongoing operations impact. Repair and replacement as well as routine maintenance of the staging area would be funded through Sarasota County's General Fund.

**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.**

Sarasota County owns Twin Lakes Park, the proposed location of the county/regional staging area improvements, and would be the recipient of the fixed capital outlay funding.

**12. 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</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	Site improvements including security and access enhancement, road and circulation upgrades for semi-trucks, including improvements for offloading and storing of disaster response supplies as well as efficient reloading for distribution.	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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



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After multiple recent storms Twin Lakes Park has been used for temporary staging and logistics functions. Site improvements are vital for future effective use of this location as a county/regional staging area. Improvements will include security and access enhancements, road and circulation upgrades for semi-trucks, including improvements for offloading and storing of disaster response supplies as well as efficient reloading for distribution.

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

With the improvements at TLP, Sarasota County and the Florida Division of Emergency Management can better utilize the facility to receive commodities and efficiently distribute them into the community to Points-of-Distribution (PODs) and other disaster recovery facilities to facilitate the prompt provision of emergency assistance to the public.

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

Citizens would have access to food, water, clean-up kits, and additional critical supplies following a disaster. In addition pre-storm supply distribution such as sandbag distribution would be more efficient.

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

The target population to be served by this project are those citizens impacted by disasters, including the general population, elderly persons, and persons with poor physical health. Thousands of citizens are expected to be served through the improvements associated with this staging area through PODs, multi-agency resource centers and disaster recovery centers.

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

The project is anticipated to improve physical health and agricultural production/promotion/education: Following disasters, citizens run out of critical life safety supplies, such as food and water. The staging area at TLP is a critical resource to ensure that these supplies and others are received and distributed to the community in a timely manner. In addition, the agricultural community may need supplies (e.g., hay, fencing). The TLP staging area is a critical resource to ensure these supplies are received and distributed to the agricultural community in a timely manner. The methodology for measuring these benefits/outcomes may include the number of PODs and commodity drop off points at locations like Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) and Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARC) post disaster that the TLP staging area supplies, the number of agricultural commodity drop off points supplied by TLP and the number of days post impact that the PODs and drop off points are able to be opened.

**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?**

If the deliverables are not met related to execution and implementation of the Staging Area improvements or if the location is not used for this purpose in the future funds may have to be repaid to the State of Florida.

**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):**

Hurricanes Ian, Idalia, Debby, Helene and Milton.

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

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received



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- 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)?**

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

**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)



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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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