



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1112

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

4. Project/Program Description

For more than 62 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida (BGCNF) has provided safe, positive places for young people to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens. Northwest Boys & Girls Club has been offering life-changing programs and opportunities to young people in the Gainesville community for the past 75 years. In 2020 the Club merged with BGCNF. Today the Club has 243 registered members; we serve an average of 60 young people each day after school. Of these young people, currently 93% receive free/reduced lunch; 64% live in a single-parent household, and 12% live in a non-parent/alternate custody household. In spite of these risks, at the Club our young people thrive through five central focus areas: Sports & Recreation, Education & Career Readiness, Character & Leadership, Health & Wellness, and the Arts. Given the Club's age, it is in dire need of capital improvements, including new electrical, HVAC system, floors and walls, and a new gym.

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	850,000
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

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)	850,000	74%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	291,080	26%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,141,080	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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

June 1, 2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

March 1, 2026

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

Our annual operating budget for this Club is roughly \$800,000, and it includes building and grounds maintenance. We raise these funds annually through partners and donors, including 21st Century funding, Children's Trust of Alachua County, private and corporate foundations, individual donors, and fundraising events. We also earn a percentage of income through our middle school football program for the Gainesville community.

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.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida owns Northwest Boys & Girls Club facility and grounds in Gainesville.

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	Completion of phase 1 remodel in Gainesville.	850,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The goal of these funds is to fully renovate one of the oldest Boys & Girls Club in Florida; the renovation will make the Club safe and our young people will thrive for years to come. Built in the 60s, and with heavy, consistent use of young people ages 6-18, the building is in need of many upgrades for safety. This comprehensive renovation will ultimately allow us to continue to serve young people in Gainesville safely and without interruption, giving them the world class Club experience they deserve.

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

The renovation project will enable us to continue to provide without interruption, programming in five central focus areas that empower youth in Education & Career Readiness, Sports & Recreation, Character & Leadership, Health & Wellness, and the Arts. All programs are learning-based and create opportunities for social-emotional growth, increased self-esteem and building relevant skills. With the support of professional staff, our young people build their capacity and plans for a great future. In all activities, we integrate youth development principles that emphasize positive relationships, self-confidence, goal setting, and leadership. Young people improve their grades, make healthy choices, eliminate risky behaviors, build self-esteem, and develop social skills as they prepare themselves for colleges and careers of their choosing.

In short, this building renovation will uphold our goal to support each Club member to graduate high school with a plan for their future.

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

We offer a wide range of direct services that include a hot meal, homework help, tutoring, proven educational enhancements, and the chance to be coached in sports. Club members participate in STEM learning that leads to regional competitions; workforce development, career preparation, and mentoring, with job shadowing and internships; creative expression through arts projects; character and leadership development with service projects in the community; sports programming that teaches physical skills, teamwork, social skills and offers opportunities for healthy competition; and health and wellness practices that lead to healthy habits for life with an understanding of healthy nutrition.

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

While we serve any young person ages 6-18, the majority of our Club members live at or below the federal poverty level. We serve 60 young people each day at this Club, with 243 registered Club members; 64% live in a single-parent household, and 12% live in a non-parent/alternate custody household. Currently, 93% receive free or reduced fee lunch at school. The neighborhoods they live in see high rates of violent crime, gang activity, food insecurity, and low educational attainment. Research shows that nearly one-third of all violent crime committed by juvenile offenders occurs during the afterschool hours. Having young people spend time at our Club keeps them out of harms way while supporting them to build the decision-making, social, and academic skills and experience they need to also keep them out of the juvenile justice system and on track for a great future.

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

Our programming gets results. We expect our Club members will stay in school, graduate high school, and have a plan for their future that may include secondary education such as college or vocational/trade school.

We measure results annually through our evaluation survey, the National Youth Outcome Initiative. In 23-24, results demonstrated the following: 94% of our young people expect to graduate high school; 87% of our young people expect to get some type of post-secondary education after high school graduation (college, including Masters degree, or vocational/trade school); 85% of our young people feel strongly and very strongly about their avoidance of risky behavior (smoking, alcohol, marijuana & fighting); 89% of our young people feel a sense of belonging at their Club. (A sense of belonging supports positive mental health and emotional well-being.) Also, 92% of 5th-12th graders surveyed were on grade level; and 80% of all Club members had mostly As or Bs last year in school.

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?

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida will follow all rules and regulations associated with administering the funding contract. Furthermore, we intend to fully utilize all of the appropriated funds for this Phase one of our project. Should any portion of the project not be completed, we will return the associated funding.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No



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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)?

- 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



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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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.