



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1686

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties' Newtown location has served as a pillar in the middle of public housing for nearly 30 years and was determined to be falling into disrepair. The Newtown Boys & Girls Club Construction Project will result in a new, state-of-the-art facility with 21st Century classrooms, enrichment space, technology lab, cafeteria, commercial teaching kitchen, dedicated teen center, college and career space, and more. The site will serve 250 youth, ages 6 to 18, plus the campus will feature the organization's partnership with the YMCA, which will serve children ages 0-5 in a separate facility.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	20%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	8,000,000	80%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	10,000,000	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

03/25/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

02/23/2027

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance of the project will be absorbed into the annual budget and funded through diverse revenue streams, including individual contributions, grants and special events, which collectively represent approximately 92% of the organization's overall revenue.

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.

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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	Support construction in the form of materials and labor to complete the new facility. Designs have already been approved so all funding will be used for direct construction costs. To date, the organization has raised \$6 million towards the total project costs.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The goal of the Newtown Boys & Girls Club Construction Project is to build a new, state-of-the-art facility for underserved youth where they can access high-quality programs and professionals that empower them to excel in school, become leaders, adopt healthy habits, and plan for success after high school graduation. The facility will be a destination for youth, ages 6-18, with modern classrooms for learning, enrichment, technology, career prep, leadership development and more.

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

The activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds will support construction in the form of materials and labor to complete the new facility. All approved funding will be used for direct construction costs.

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

Upon completion of the Club, all local youth, ages 6-18, will have access to signature programs focused on academic success, healthy habits, the arts, character and leadership development, civic engagement, entrepreneurial education, advocacy skills, culinary arts, and college and career preparation. Special teen events include ACT/SAT prep, FAFSA guidance, scholarship database access and more.

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

The majority of the funds requested will serve approximately 250 youth each year representing the following target populations: economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, grade school students, and high school students. 99% of the youth currently being served by this Club live in households with an annual income of \$42,000 or less, and 80% live in households making \$28,000 or less. Additionally, 78% of this Club's members live in single-parent/guardian households, limiting the household income potential.

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

A number of benefits or outcomes will result from this project, including improving youth's physical health, mental health, cultural experience, educational performance, financial literacy skills, abstinence of substance abuse, confidence, and future plans for success. The Newtown community will have access to high-quality youth development programs at an affordable rate, job opportunities, and a safe place for youth to help reduce the rate of juvenile retention. Data will be tracked through pre and post-tests, surveys, testimonials and more.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables should result in a probationary period for the organization from receiving state funds.

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, Milton and Helene

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

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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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)

d. First Name **Last Name**



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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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