



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1817

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Town of Cutler Bay requests \$300,000 in matching funds to support the restoration of the Bel-Aire Park Community Room. Bel-Aire Park is the only active public park within walking distance for residents living in the Town's northwest quadrant. The building supports sporting leagues and academic programming; however, it was closed on July 11, 2022, due to the potential risk of structural collapse. Funds will be used to demolish the existing 1,375 sq ft building and construct a 2,500 sq ft universally accessible LEED-certified community center and concession stand. Finally, the project enhances disaster response as the park may be activated as an emergency distribution site.

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	300,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>300,000</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)	300,000	30%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	700,000	70%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,000,000</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.



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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?

10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2027

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.

The facility will be owned and operated by the Town of Cutler Bay.

### 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	Design, Permitting, Construction and Construction, Engineering, and Inspection (CEI) of the Bel Aire Park Community Center	300,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>300,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The proposed project aims to demolish an unsafe community facility and construct a new, larger facility that will support team sporting events, youth academic support programs, indoor recreation, and community gatherings (e.g., workshops for older adults, or outreach activities). The new building will meet current ADA and FEMA elevation and disaster mitigation requirements.

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



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The project has two components: (1) Gain public input on the design plans and potential park activities, and (2) Construct an approximately 2,500 square-foot facility to support public recreation that meets LEED Gold Certification Standards.

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

The proposed project expands the availability of safe and accessible recreational spaces for citizens. Citizens in this community currently do not have a park within walking distance from their homes, and the existing youth and adult programs have been displaced due to the unsafe structure.

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

The Town of Cutler Bay's population is 43,958 (Census 2022). The facility supports more than 800-grade school students and the general public each year.

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

The Bel-Aire Park Project promotes an active lifestyle by restoring access to public space and ensuring that the community has a safe and accessible neighborhood park within walking distance from their home. The project improves the quality of education by constructing a community room for community-based organizations to provide tutoring, academic support, and mentoring for grade school youth. The measure of success for this project is the construction of the community facility and reopening of Bel-Aire Park.

**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?**

The Town will not be reimbursed for project activities that do not meet the deliverables or performance measures.

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

**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):**

Not Applicable

**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:**



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**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**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**



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d. Phone Number

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