



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1862

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In 2017 Lake County purchased 42-acres adjacent to the East Lake Sports and Community Complex to expand the park to 75-acres. Construction for phase one of the expansion property is set to begin in 2024. East Lake Sports & Community Complex serves the rural areas around Sorrento in Lake County. The park is being expanded to support additional recreation opportunities including a major trailhead for the Wekiva Regional Trail which is on the Office of Greenways & Trails priority map. The trailhead will include the construction of restrooms, trail related amenities, parking, and lighting.

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	85,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	415,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>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)	500,000	33%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	67%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,500,000</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?

09/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

The project is an expansion to an already existing park, which has an annual budget programmed each year and the budget will be adjusted to accommodate the additional amenities.

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.

Lake County Board of County Commissioners.

### 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	Ve3hicle, Fuel, Printer, Computer, Phone	1,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Design, Permitting & Construction Bid Documents	79,000
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Vehicle, Fuel, Printer, Computer, Phone	3,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Materials, Equipment, Site Inspection, Project Close-Out	2,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction costs for phase one related to the connection to the regional multi-use Wekiva trail system. Design, permitting, construction bid documents, and construction of trailhead buildings and related structures and amenities.	415,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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The funding will support a major trailhead for the Wekiva Regional Trail which is on the Office of Greenways & Trails priority map, as well as additional recreation opportunities at East Lake Sports & Community Complex in Sorrento, Lake County. The trailhead, which will serve as a connecting base to the Seminole County side of the trail, will include the construction of restrooms, trail related amenities, parking, and lighting.

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

The trailhead will provide Lake County residents and visitors facilities to support increase in outdoor activities and recreation such as cycling, jogging, rollerblading, and walking. The facility will offer the necessary amenities, such as parking, restrooms, and water, to support various cycling and pedestrian events that will benefit local businesses and economy.

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

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

This project will benefit all citizens of Lake County and the surrounding areas and is expected to serve in excess of 800 people.

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

Project will provide benefits to Lake County residents and visitors by providing facilities to support increase in outdoor exercise such as cycling, jogging, rollerblading and walking. This can be measured by collecting data from bike, pedestrian and vehicle counters. The project will improve economic activity in the area through tourism by providing a focal point for hosting various events. This will be measured through monitoring scheduled events, hotel, restaurant and retail sales, in addition to data collected from counters.

**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?**

Lake County Office of Procurement Services in coordination with Lake County Office of Parks & Trails contracting officer will include the appropriate penalties (financial penalties including bond forfeiture) to ensure quality.

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

**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



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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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