



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1863

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

4. Project/Program Description

Golden Triangle Regional Park is a 25-acre lakefront site located in Tavares. The County's adopted Parks & Trails Master Plan identified the need for a regional park to serve residents in the Golden Triangle area of Lake County. Construction of a trailhead with related facilities including but not limited to restrooms, shade structures, parking, pathways, adjacent trail, and amenities such as benches, bike racks, water fountain, trash cans, and bike repair station. Public-Private Partnership between Golden Triangle YMCA, Lake County and City of Tavares. Trailhead supports the regional River to the Hills and Wekiva Trail systems which are part of the Office of Greenways Trails Priority Trail System.

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
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	33%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	67%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,500,000	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?

10/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2028

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

The project will be maintained and operated by the City of Tavares once the construction portion is completed.

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Vehicle, Fuel, Printer, Computer, Phone	1,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Design, permitting and construction bid documents.	79,000
Operational Costs		
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
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction costs related to the connection of the regional multi-use trail system (North Lake Trail and Wekiva Trail). Design, permitting, construction bid documents and construction of trailhead buildings and related structures and amenities.	415,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Funding will be used to develop a major trailhead for the River to the Hills & Wekiva Regional Trails (both are listed on the Office of Greenways & Trails priority map). Located in Golden Triangle Regional Park, which is a public-private partnership between Lake County, City of Tavares, and the Golden Triangle YMCA, it will include restrooms, amenities, water fountain, parking, and lighting along with the construction of 1600 feet of 12-foot-wide trail. This trailhead is not grant-eligible.

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

This project will provide connection and recreation opportunities for residents and visitors of Lake County in support of the River to the Hills and Wekiva Regional Trails. For example, those connections will benefit residents and patrons by connecting them to three major municipalities: City of Tavares, City of Mount Dora and the City of Eustis. The project also provides recreation opportunities by providing a safe pathway to walk, run, or bike.

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

This project will provide recreation opportunities for residents and visitors of Lake County in support of the River to the Hills and Wekiva Regional Trails. For example, those opportunities could include various cycling and running events, i.e. Mount Dora Bicycle Festival; Florida Freewheelers Horrible Hundred Ride; Bike 5 Cities Event; Family Fun Rides (1-, 3-, or 5-mile, family friendly rides); and Bike N'Bites (A Day ride that includes stopping at local restaurants for breakfast and/or lunch).

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

This project will serve all citizens and greater than 800 people are expected to be served.

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

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