



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2058

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

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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               | 750,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>750,000</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)       | 750,000          | 31%         |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                  |             |
| Federal  | 0                | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 1,700,000        | 69%         |
| Local  | 0                | 0%          |
| Other  | 0                | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b> | <b>2,450,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | Nonrecurring |                             |        |
| 2024-25                  | 0         | 1,500,000    | 1830a                       | No     |

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?

10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

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

Clay County Parks and Recreation - General Fund Operating Budget

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.

Clay County Board of County Commissioners owns and operates the facility.

### 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                      | Construction of fixed capital improvements to allow for increased access to the park and provide educational opportunities to County residents. | 750,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |   | <b>750,000</b> |

### 13. Program Performance

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

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

The construction of a elevated boardwalk and trail.

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

The increased capacity will allow for increased use and access to pavilions, nature trails, playgrounds, and restrooms. The Educational center will provide educational opportunities to area students.

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

The entire county population (232,439) would benefit from this park project.

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

Moccasin Slough, once completed would bring in more tourism, have space for educational programs, and increase property values in the county. This will be measured by tracking visitors to the park and tracking attendance of educational programs provided by Parks and Recreation.

**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?**

Should Clay County fail to meet deliverables or other performance measures, reimbursement of project funds could be suspended until the County comes into full compliance. Funds will be returned to the state if the proposed improvements are not completed.

**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):**

**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)?**



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**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

FY 24-25 State appropriations, FRDAP

**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**
- d. Phone Number**



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