



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2089

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

4. Project/Program Description

Manatee County is seeking funding for the future design and construction of Washington Park. The future 88-acre park will be located at the site of the borrow pit the Florida Department of Transportation created in 1957 when dirt was needed to build the U.S. 41 overpass near 29th St E, north of Palmetto. The socio-economic impact on the community was dramatic. The southeast portion of Washington Park has 12 upland acres which will be home to the park's recreational amenities, such as a central pavilion, a children's play area, and a multi-use field.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

Federal appropriations and grants, county funding.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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? 12/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 07/01/2027

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

County funding

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.

Manatee County will be the owner of the park.

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	The future design and construction of Washington Park.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The future 88-acre park will be located at the site of the borrow pit the Florida Department of Transportation created in 1957 when dirt was needed to build the U.S. 41 overpass near 29th St E, north of Palmetto. The socio-economic impact on the community was dramatic. The southeast portion of Washington Park has 12 upland acres which will be home to the park's recreational amenities, such as a central pavilion, a children's play area, and a multi-use field.

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

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

The southeast portion of Washington Park has 12 upland acres which will be home to the park's recreational amenities, such as a central pavilion, a children's play area, and a multi-use field.

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

All citizens of Manatee County will be served by this project, with particular focus on the neighborhood it will be located in. The anticipation is for thousands of people to use the park 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 park will: Increase access to outdoor recreation and green space for residents, promote physical health through walking trails, sports fields, and playgrounds, and strengthen community engagement by providing gathering spaces such as a central pavilion. The method of measuring the outcome include park utilization and visitor counts, community engagement surveys, and public health impact surveys.

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 County would work with the contracting agency throughout the grant period to ensure that all deliverables and performance measures are met. In the case where delays or unexpected barriers occur, the County would request a no-cost extension to successfully complete the project objectives. If needed, the County would also seek additional funding sources to mitigate any issues that arise that might impede completion.

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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- Yes, Applied
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- No
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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) Local (County) Government

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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