



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2397

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Seminole Community Recreation Center opened in 2001 after being converted from a church, constructed in 1983. The facility has reached the end of its useful life. The City of Seminole has strategically accumulated financial reserves to fund over \$20 million with cash on hand. The remaining balance will be borrowed. The appropriation request will minimize the extent of borrowing required and will allow the City of Seminole to timely construct a much needed long-term asset that will serve the community for generations.

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	6,800,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>6,800,000</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)	6,800,000	20%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	27,200,000	80%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>34,000,000</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.

**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)?**

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?**

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

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

General Fund revenues will fund ongoing operating and maintenance costs. The architectural design process will prioritize efficient space planning to optimize staff resources at strategic locations throughout the facility and maximize operating efficiencies.

**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.**

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**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	The appropriation is requested for the City's Community Recreation Center, currently estimated at \$34 million based on preliminary architectural evaluations. The City is soliciting for design/engineering services, with construction tentatively scheduled to begin as early as January 2026.	6,800,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>6,800,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The funds will be used for construction of a Community Recreation Center. Activities and programs will be offered to youth (e.g., athletics, summer camps, instructional leagues, sports competitions), services for adults of all ages including seniors, and community programs for veterans. The Community Recreation Center will also serve as a recovery facility after natural disasters, with programs and day camps provided for families of first responders and essential government personnel.



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

Group fitness, basketball/pickleball gym, weight/cardio room, swimming pool, splash pad, community/meeting room, performing arts studio, senior lounge, e-sports programs, craft room, outdoor athletic courts/fields, special community events, youth and adult athletic leagues, senior events, day camps, sports instruction (e.g., camps, swim lessons, etc.), and competitions (e.g., athletics, e-sports youth swim/triathlon, youth cross country).

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

Physical and mental health, fitness, cultural enrichment, and social engagement for all ages and abilities. The attached Recreation Master Plan report identifies the many under-served programs and services in the community that can be offered by the Community Recreation Center.

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

The City of Seminole service area includes the municipal population of 19,252 as well as the surrounding area of the Seminole Fire District, with a population of approximately 110,000. The proposed facility will be open to the public and located in the central region of Pinellas County, with a population of 961,596. The attached Recreation Master Plan identifies opportunities for providing under-served programs to residents and commuters.

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

The Community Recreation Center will serve as a focal point for the entire community, to include events, programs, and service offerings for all, especially the under-served areas. This outcome will be measured by attendance and growth of programs, in terms of number of offerings and number of participants.

**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 City will agree to standard penalties as outlined in a Grant Agreement with the State.

**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#:**



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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

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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