



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2530

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

4. Project/Program Description

These funds are the final resources needed to expand our teen space at THE PLAYERS Championship Boys & Girls Club (TPC) serving St. Augustine. Our Club offers world-class experiences to children ages 6-18. There is a critical need for us to create a Teen Center with room to accommodate more teens while reducing the waiting list of elementary-age children. Creating a separate space to engage teens and better serve their specific needs will strategically expand our capacity in St. Johns County and enable us to better serve our young people with targeted programming and support.

The space, which has already been designed and is shovel-ready, will be a teen hub for career readiness and workforce exploration, motivating and preparing our St. Augustine teens for Great Futures. It is to be built on the west side of the current TPC Club and will be connected to it through a breezeway.

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	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	32%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	850,000	68%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,250,000	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

6/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

3/01/2026

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

Our annual operating budget for this Club is roughly \$500,000, and it includes building and grounds maintenance. We raise these funds annually through partners, including 21st Century, private and corporate foundations, individual donors, and special events. Also, because freeing up space by serving teens in the Teen Center enables us to serve more elementary-age children in our main area, we will generate additional operating funds through 21st Century grants, supporting academic learning.

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.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida owns THE PLAYERS Championship Boys & Girls Club facility and grounds in St. Augustine.

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	St. Augustine Teen Center build. Specifically: concrete/masonry; electrical; plumbing; mechanical; and drywall/ceiling/framing.	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

13. Program Performance

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



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When maintaining a Club where teens want to spend time after school, a key component is a space separate from younger elementary children. Activities that keep teens productive and engaged are very different, and teens command a different type of support than do elementary Club members. As it is set up currently, teens spend most of their time in the TPC teen room. It has space to fit only 20 comfortably, and we typically are at capacity daily. The St. Augustine Teen Center will be large enough to comfortably accommodate approximately 75 teens every day after school. It will be outfitted to focus on our teen-centered Workforce Readiness programs, helping Club members graduate high school, prepare for post-secondary education, and make informed decisions about education and a career of their choosing. Thus, along with giving us the chance to accept additional teens into the TPC Club, it will enable us to provide more in-depth, teen-centered programming critical to their success.

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

The Teen Center's renderings and CAD files are complete. With these State Appropriations funds we will have the final budget needed to commence work on the building. The programming here will be centered on career exploration and workplace readiness. Our Career Launch framework ensures all Club youth have the skills, knowledge, and self-awareness they need to plan and build a viable career by encouraging career exploration and matching, promoting skills development, and fostering work-based learning experiences. Understanding the education path for the career of interest, our teens are further motivated to apply themselves in school and to graduate on time because they see how that moves them towards their goal. Teens will be prepared for their first job and future careers as a result of this project. Through engaging activities, they learn essential workplace skills, including active listening, goal setting, problem solving, critical thinking, trust and respect, and collaboration.

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

The direct services offered at TPC will continue to be offered to teens at the St. Augustine Teen Center, including a hot meal, homework help, tutoring, proven educational enhancements, the chance to be coached in sports, health and wellness practices that lead to healthy habits for life with an understanding of healthy nutrition, and leadership development with a focus on community service. Importantly, with the new Teen Center, teens will receive career mentoring, guest speakers, and practice resume writing and mock interviews. Programming will include opportunities for job shadowing, paid summer internships, and college campus visits.

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

While we serve any young person ages 6-18, a majority of our Club members live at or below the federal poverty level. Attendance is more than 100 young people each day at TPC, with 232 registered Club members. This includes a minimum of 20 teens daily. On days there are no other school events and they do not have to be at part-time jobs, an additional 5-10 teens participate, with little or no room for them in the teen room. Of all our TPC Club members, 61% live in a single-parent household, and 9% live in a non-parent/alternate custody household. Currently, 95% receive free or reduced fee lunch at school. Research shows that nearly one-third of all violent crime committed by juvenile offenders occurs during afterschool hours. Having young people spend time at our Club keeps them out of harm's way while supporting teens to build the decision-making, social, and workforce skills and experience they need to keep them out of the juvenile justice system and on track for a great future.

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

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida has several Teen Centers in Duval County, including our flagship City Teen. We see proof teen programming gets positive results. In 2024 a Club member at one of our Clubs focused solely on teens was awarded the Youth of the Year for all of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Teen Centers also have increased number of teens who regularly participate at the Club and in the enriching opportunities offered. Expected benefits include: teens stay on grade level, stay in school, and achieve academically; avoid risky behaviors; graduate high school; and have a plan for their future that will include secondary education such as college, vocational/trade school, or the military.

We measure results annually through our evaluation survey, the National Youth Outcome Initiative. Also, with our professional staff working very closely with Club members and providing mentoring, we track success through observation and in communicating directly with families.

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?



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Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida will follow all rules and regulations associated with administering the funding contract. Furthermore, we intend to fully utilize all of the appropriated funds for this Phase one of our project. Should any portion of the project not be completed, we will return the associated funding.

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)?

- 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.**



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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

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