



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2650

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

A high-quality outdoor agricultural education play space in support of military families that fosters children's physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development through safe, engaging, and nature-based play activities designed to foster an early awareness and appreciation for Florida's agriculture and conservation.

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	40,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>40,000</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)	40,000	53%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	35,000	47%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>75,000</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

10. Status of Construction



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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?

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.

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	Landscaping, construction, and installation of agricultural education play space in a military community: Crestview	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>40,000</b>

13. Program Performance

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

The goal is to create a high-quality outdoor agricultural education play space in support of military families that fosters children's physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development through safe, engaging, and nature-based play activities designed to foster an early awareness and appreciation for Florida's agriculture and conservation.

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

The outdoor play space will require site assessment and planning, custom design and landscaping, construction, installation, safety inspections, and compliance.

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



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The outdoor play space will blend interactive nature-based features with educational programming, fostering holistic child development by incorporating natural features, greenspace, social play areas, and gardens where children can plant, nurture, and harvest fruits, vegetables, and herbs common in Florida agriculture.

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

The target population is expected to be approximately 200 and includes children in military families, at-risk youth, school-age children, economically disadvantaged families, preschool students, and child care teachers and staff.

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

Research shows that children in military families often face unique challenges such as frequent relocations and adapting to new environments. An outdoor play space can become a welcoming environment where they can make friends and create a sense of belonging. Military parents may provide anecdotal observations of emotional well-being. Children who engage in gardening and agriculture-related activities in outdoor play spaces develop a deeper interest in farming and sustainability; children may demonstrate this interest through activity choices.

**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?**

Appropriate performance measures and accountability standards will be determined in collaboration with the Department.

**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
- 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



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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)

**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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