



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2952

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project is intended to build 7 to 10 multi-purpose youth sports fields and ancillary facilities (restrooms, concession building, storage, etc.) at the Seminole Junior Warhawks youth sports facility as conceptualized in the County's Unincorporated Seminole Youth Sports Facilities Master Plan. The request will supplement designated Penny for Pinellas capital dollars appropriated for the project as part of the County's CIP program. Once completed, the facility will serve over 2,500 area youth engaged in soccer, lacrosse, and flag football.

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	4,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,000,000

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)	4,000,000	36%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	7,000,000	64%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	11,000,000	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? No

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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 10/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/30/2027

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

The facility is included within the recently formed Unincorporated Seminole Sports District. Operations and maintenance costs for facilities within the USSD are funded through a 1/4 mill. municipal services taxing unit approved by the County Commission beginning in FY 2025.

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.

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, which serves as the governing board of the Unincorporated Seminole Sports District as established by County Ordinance 23-33

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	Construction/renovation of the Seminole Junior Warhawks Youth Sports Complex to include construction of 7 to 10 multipurpose fields and related facilities such as restrooms, concessions, and maintenance/storage building.	4,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will supplement County funds allowing for the construction of 7 to 10 multi-purpose fields which will be used for youth soccer, lacrosse and flag football practices, games, and tournaments. Current facilities are inadequate and do not provide sufficient parking, field space, and amenities for concessions, restrooms, etc.

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



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Sports leagues are provided through non-profit program providers under the direction of the Unincorporated Seminole Sports Association, which is the County's designated operating organization created by a special district municipal services taxing unit (MSTU). Construction of the new facilities will be overseen by the County's Public Works Engineering Division and the Parks and Conservation Resources Department.

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

Enhanced youth sports participation, safer facilities, and sports tourism through the construction of new fields and ancillary facilities.

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

The target population is boys and girls ages 3 to 17 interested in participating in youth sports leagues. The facility is expected to serve 2,500+ youth over the course of each year.

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

Youth sports facilities and associated programs are shown to increase physical and mental health for youth, provide social engagement, improve player safety, and instill community pride. Outcomes will be measured through participant surveys, increased program registration, and community conversations..

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?

Pinellas County would reimburse the State for the obligated funds.

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
- Yes, Received
- No
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a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant

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**



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d. Phone Number

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