



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2967

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

4. Project/Program Description

The project will replace the 30-year-old playground equipment at Jaycee Park in Cape Coral, creating the city's first all-ability accessible playground for children of all abilities. The 12-acre park, located along the scenic banks of the Caloosahatchee River, will expand its play area to provide a safe, welcoming space for everyone. With the design finalized, the park is ready for construction, offering an accessible environment where children can explore, play, and connect.

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	550,000
Total State Funds Requested	550,000

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)	550,000	3%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	16,250,000	90%
Other	1,200,000	7%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	18,000,000	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



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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)? Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 01/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2025

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

The city's general fund will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance.

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
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 construction will replace all playground equipment with inclusive, ADA-compliant structures, add accessible pathways, and improve safety with new surfaces. Additionally, the project will enhance spaces for community events. The design is complete, and construction is set to begin.	550,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		550,000

13. Program Performance

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

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



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The funds will support a variety of play activities and improve accessibility by installing ADA-compliant equipment, creating accessible pathways, and adding safe play surfaces, ensuring the park is inclusive and enjoyable for children of all ages and abilities.

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

The funding will replace outdated playground equipment at Jaycee Park, creating an inclusive space for children of all abilities. This will offer a safe, modern, and accessible environment where children can play, explore, and connect. The project ensures that all local children, regardless of ability, have equal access to recreational activities, promoting physical activity and strengthening community engagement.

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

The target population includes youth of all ages, as well as individuals with physical disabilities and those experiencing poor physical health. The project is designed to provide an inclusive, accessible space for children and community members to engage in recreational activities, promoting physical activity and overall well-being for all.

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

The expected benefits of this project include improved physical and mental health for children and individuals of all abilities, as the new playground will provide a safe and inclusive environment for play, exercise, and social interaction. These benefits will be measured through direct observation of usage patterns, including the diversity of children using the equipment. Surveys will be conducted to gather feedback from parents, caregivers, and community members. Additionally, local organizations may provide input on the playground's impact on inclusivity and community engagement, helping to assess its overall effectiveness.

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?

Return of funding

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:



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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

b. Firm Name



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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.