



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3129

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In an effort to promote better student performance and community safety, the funds would support construction of a Community Center and associated infrastructure in a historically disadvantaged area of the City. The City operates an after-school program in the Hopkins Park Community Center. The City took on this program to support a historically disadvantaged portion of its population. Supporting the after-school program has spurred significant investments in the Hopkins Park infrastructure.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	5%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	10,000,000	95%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	10,500,000	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.

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? 08/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 08/01/2026

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

City of St. Cloud Ad-Valorem Revenue.

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.

City of St. Cloud, FL.

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 of a new Community Center, with associated stormwater infrastructure, that houses an important after-school program in a historically disadvantaged area of the City. The City is investing over \$10,000,000 for the construction of the center.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

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 requested funds will assist in the construction of Phase 1 of the Hopkins Park Masterplan. Phase 1 consists of the construction of a new Community Center that houses an important after-school program in a historically disadvantaged area of the City. The City is investing over \$10,000,000 for the construction of the center and associated infrastructure.

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

The requested funds will aid in the construction of the infrastructure needed to directly support an after-school program in a historically disadvantaged area of the City.

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

This development will target at-risk youth, developmentally disabled, and pre-school and grade school students that participates in the after-school program, along with every resident and visitor of the City of St. Cloud. The afterschool program houses over 50 students in an economically disadvantaged area within a City of over 70,000 residents.

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

This project is expected to improve the quality of education, improve physical health, and enrich cultural experience for many of its program participants. This can be easily tracked through community surveys, a review of participant school grades, and community events participation.

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 suggested penalties can be the return of all appropriated 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
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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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