



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3434

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funding would allow Vernon High School to construct of six (6) hard court tennis courts. Currently, Vernon High School is the only school in Florida that has a tennis team but does not have courts for practice or matches. Students on the tennis team are required to travel 30 minutes each way to practice and to host varsity tennis matches.

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	600,000
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	200,000	25%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	800,000	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

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2025

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

Ongoing maintenance will be provided jointly by the City of Vernon and Washington County School District.

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.

Vernon High School, Washington County School District

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	Build Six (6) New Tennis Courts, one battery of four (120' x 240') and one battery of two (120'x120') and install new net post sleeves and center anchors in concrete footers as per specifications. Provide and install 10' black, vinyl coated fencing (9 gauge) around the tennis courts with one gated point of entry for each court. Provide and install windscreen along the back fence of each court. Apply color textured playing surface on new asphalt. Apply regulation playing lines per USTA.	600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

13. Program Performance

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

Currently, there are no tennis courts at the High School or in the City of Vernon and students on the tennis team have to travel 30 minutes each way to the nearest court for practice. The goal is to provide courts for students to practice, host home matches, and for community-wide recreation.

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



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This funding will allow tennis programs and community instructional programs. Most importantly, it will provide Vernon High School Varsity and Junior Varsity a facility of their own.

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

Instruction, league play, tournaments, and High School matches as well as placing emphasis on tennis as a healthy lifetime activity.

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

Junior, adult, senior population, and residents of Vernon and Washington county along with high school, middle school, and elementary school students.

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

Vernon High School is the only school in Florida that has a team with no courts to host matches or practice without traveling 30 minutes to practice and playing varsity matches.

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 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)?

- Yes, Applied



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- Yes, Received
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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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