



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2012

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will construct a new YMCA at Lake Meade Park in Cape Coral to expand access to youth development, healthy living, and community programs. The facility will provide childcare, after-school and summer learning, chronic disease prevention, senior wellness, swim safety, fitness, and family support services, improving health, education, and quality of life for residents.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	6,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	6,000,000	15%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	18,000,000	45%
Other	16,000,000	40%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	40,000,000	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? 01/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 08/31/2028

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance will be funded through YMCA membership fees, program revenue, local government support, private donations, and grants. These funding sources will ensure the long-term sustainability of the facility and its community programs.

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.

YMCA of Southwest Florida, Inc.

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	Funds will be allocated for the design, planning, and construction of a YMCA facility in Cape Coral, FL. This includes site preparation, architectural design, engineering services, permitting, and construction of recreational facilities, community spaces, and related infrastructure.	6,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		6,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will support construction of a new YMCA at Lake Meade Park to expand access to youth, family, and community programs. The project will improve health, education, and quality of life by providing childcare, youth development, wellness programs, and community services, meeting the growing needs of Cape Coral residents and strengthening families.



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

The YMCA will provide childcare and early learning programs, after-school and summer youth development, chronic disease prevention and wellness classes, senior fitness and active-aging programs, swim lessons and water safety, family support services, and community outreach and education. These activities promote health, learning, and family stability for Cape Coral residents.

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

The project will provide direct services including affordable childcare, early learning, after-school and summer programs, chronic disease prevention classes, senior fitness and wellness activities, swim lessons and water safety, youth sports, family support services, and community education programs. These services will improve health, learning, and overall quality of life for Cape Coral residents.

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

The project will serve children, teens, families, working parents, seniors, and residents seeking health, wellness, and community programs. It will also support low- to moderate-income households needing affordable childcare and family services. The new YMCA is expected to serve several thousand Cape Coral residents annually through its programs and facilities.

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

The project will improve health, education, and family stability by expanding access to childcare, youth development, wellness, and community programs. Outcomes will be measured through program participation data, pre- and post-assessments for health and fitness, academic progress indicators, attendance records, and participant feedback to track measurable improvements for Cape Coral residents.

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 percentage of state funds until deliverables or performance measures are met.

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#:



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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
- 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



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

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.