



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1039

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Camp Thunderbird provides the opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities to participate in a typical summer camp experience with sessions between 7-12 days. The requested funds will be used for wastewater upgrades from septic to sewer for Camp Thunderbird, a campground for individuals with developmental disabilities such as autism, down syndrome, prater willi and other development disabilities. Camp Thunderbird provides overnight summer camp opportunities along with recreational opportunities during the year for the developmentally disabled community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,200,000	90%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	135,000	10%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,335,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	250,000	1797A	Yes

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

July 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 2025

12. 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.

Camp Thunderbird is on state owned land, Wekiva Springs State Park and is leased to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities from the Department of Environmental Protection, and then to Quest, Inc., a not-for-profit, who operates this camp for persons with disabilities.

13. 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: Other		
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	Removal of present septic system and related equipment, construct required piping, lift systems, and other sewage system related equipment necessary for an operating system as well as construction of required trenching, piping, and movement equipment to connect.	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Camp Thunderbird provides the opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities to participate in a typical summer camp experience with sessions between 7-12 days. The specific goal is reducing the environmental impact of a 10 tank, decades old, septic system within the Wekiwa River basin, allow for expansion of our camp swimming program, and eliminating maintenance and other related costs required to maintain the present system. At this point, Camp Thunderbird would also be able to office swimming safety and other swimming types of training.

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

The requested funds will be used for wastewater upgrades from septic to sewer for Camp Thunderbird, a campground for individuals with developmental disabilities such as autism, down syndrome, prater willi and other development disabilities. Camp Thunderbird provides overnight summer camp opportunities along with recreational opportunities during the year for the developmentally disabled community.

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

The direct services will consist of 13 to 15 weeks of overnight camping activities for individuals with developmental disabilities from across the state of Florida. During the balance of the year there will be weekend recreational activities for individuals with developmental activities from the central Florida and surrounding regions.

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

Persons with disabilities.

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

Camp Thunderbird wastewater will be treated by the local wastewater management systems versus the current septic system. This will reduce the possibilities of septic related seepage and flows into the Lake and other surrounding surface waters

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 the contract?

If we fail to meet deliverables or performance measure, the penalties would result in the cancellation of the project.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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



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University or College

Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

Waste Water Revolving Loan

Drinking Water Revolving Loan

Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant

Other (please specify) As a state owned park, the NFP is not eligible for other state funding.

N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)

Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)

Rural Area of Economic Concern

Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?



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06/30/2024