



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2905

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

To revive, restore and improve the Park which was destroyed by Hurricane Michael. The project includes repairing and improving pre-Hurricane Michael features and amenities where possible and adding new features to provide much needed public outdoor recreational opportunities and green space for the residents and visitors to the City of Springfield, Bay County, Florida. This Park is an integral part of the community, and it is important to citizenry for its health, social, and economic benefits

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	7,184,280
Total State Funds Requested	7,184,280

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)	7,184,280	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	7,184,280	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

Springfield was authorized \$4,295,822.00
 COVID-19 Funding was used for the provision of government services, under the lost revenue category established in the Final Rule published by US Treasury.

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?

within 30 days of appropriation

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

15-24 months following appropriation

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.

The City of Springfield, Florida is the owner of the facility.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultant to assist the City with the administration of the project, review of procurement activities to ensure compliance with local, state and federal regulations, regulations	635,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design and planning; permitting, renovations and repairs to damaged equipments, infrastructure, and facilities when possible; replacement of unrepairable equipment, infrastructure and facilities; construction of infrastructure and buildings.	6,549,280
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,184,280

14. Program Performance



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

To revive, restore and improve the Buddy McLemore Park which was destroyed by Hurricane Michael. The project includes repairing and improving pre-Hurricane Michael features and amenities where possible and adding new features to provide much needed public outdoor recreational opportunities and green space for the residents and visitors to the City of Springfield, Bay County, Florida. This Park is an integral part of the community, and it is important to citizenry for its health, social, and economic benefits

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

Repair and renovation of the park will provide opportunities for recreational activities, public gatherings, physical and mental health benefits, enhanced economic development and growth.

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

Recreational and health benefits through use of the facilities for football, playgrounds and shaded play equipment and structures, exercise stations, walking trail loop, concession building and concessions, gazebos and benches with shade structures, seating and open areas for public and community gatherings.

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

City residents and visitors are the target population to be served by this project. The populations expected to be served is the majority of residents and visitors wishing to participate in community recreational activities.

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

It is important to the health and well-being of the community to get this park back functioning and reestablish a sense of normalcy. The loss of this park had an even greater impact during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the lack of outdoor space for the City's citizens highlighted some of the inadequacies facing this community after two monumental disasters.

Benefits of the project can be measured by analyzing the difference in physical and mental health service costs provided by the city and analyzing data provided by the Florida Department of Health regarding the physical and mental health related illness reported to the Department.

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 not directly allocated to City, an agreement between the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and the City of Springfield could require the City to complete all components of the project in a manner consistent with state procurement and oversight policies. Failure to complete the projects within these guidelines could result in a return of funding for all components of the project not appropriately completed. The City will employ the Tallahassee-based firm, to ensure ongoing compliance.

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



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number