



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3202

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Florida Premier FC is a non-profit organization that supports more than 300 youth soccer teams, 3,500 youth athletes, 5,000 families, and 240 staff members, and is growing at a rate of 30% per year. State funds will leverage private support to acquire and develop land in Pasco County to expand its Positive Coaching Alliance model which strives to change the culture of youth sports so every child, regardless of social, physical or economic circumstance, has access to a positive sports experience.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	5,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Private funds.

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

No



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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?

3/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/2026

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.

Florida Premier FC will own the land and any facilities that will be built on the property.

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	Purchase, design, and develop land for playable field space.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

14. 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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Expanded field options will fuel Florida Premier's local economic impact and ability to provide youth with a low-cost, positive youth sports experience. Florida Premier will continue to assume a large percentage of the routine and deferred maintenance obligations on public properties, reducing the necessary local investment.

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

Free community events and soccer clinics; direct economic impact to local businesses from tournaments; long-term planning and maintenance solutions for public fields; expansion of the Positive Coaching Alliance model so every child, regardless of social or economic circumstance, has access to a positive youth sports experience; expansion of TopSoccer for kids with diverse abilities.

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

Youth Athletes, Economically Disadvantaged Youth, Physically and Developmentally Disabled, and Students. More than 800 unique individuals.

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

Improved physical and mental health -- Numerous studies conclude that active participation in youth sports improves the athlete's and family's physical and mental health. TOPSoccer provides people with diverse abilities an opportunity to play soccer in a structured environment that is safe, fun, supportive, and inclusive; Increased economic activity and tourism -- Florida Premier FC will expand its tournament and team offerings, increasing the local economic impact; Creation of new jobs through the development of land; Reduction of recidivism and substance abuse -- Numerous studies conclude that active participation in youth sports reduces recidivism and substance abuse among youth participants.

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?

Dispersed funds for deliverables not met will be returned to the state.

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
- University or College
- Other (please specify)



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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