



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2186

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Sarasota is converting 120 acres of land into a Nature Park located at Bobby Jones Golf Club. Funds will be used to accomplish the first necessary step of preparing the land that will ultimately be open to the public as outdoor recreation space. These funds will be used for the design and permitting of the site remediation process concerning a landfill on the property. Bobby Jones Nature Park is part of a larger project encompassing wetlands creation and a golf course, spanning 280 acres, which recently became a Protected Property through a Conservation Easement.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	250,000
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	71%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	29%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	350,000	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?** No

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?**

Yes



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

\$75,213 in Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding for Sarasota Police Department COVID-related expenses; \$772,298 in Coronavirus Relief Funds for client assistance; \$614,315 in Sarasota County CARES Act funding for eligible staff payroll expenses; \$10,123,762 in American Rescue Plan Act-CRF funds for lost City revenue and broadband; \$8,594,653 in Shuttered Venue Operations Grant funding for lost revenue; and \$32,815 in American Rescue Act-SFRF funds for fuel tax collection.

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

1/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2026

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.

The City of Sarasota is the owner of the property and on February 7, 2022, granted and conveyed a conservation easement in perpetuity over the Protected Property to the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, inc.

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	Design and permitting of site remediation process.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Funds will be used to accomplish the first necessary step of preparing 120 acres of land that will ultimately be open to the public as outdoor recreation space.

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

These funds will be used for the design and permitting of the site remediation process concerning a landfill on the property. Bobby Jones Nature Park is part of a larger project encompassing wetlands creation and a golf course, spanning 280 acres of land which recently became a Protected Property through a Conservation Easement.

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

These funds will not be used for direct services to citizens but citizens will directly benefit from the final outcome of the project (a new nature park on land where a conservation easement has been approved to preserve the greenspace in perpetuity).

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

This project will ultimately serve the general public. Because the property is now a Protected Property through the Conservation Easement, it will be open to the public as outdoor recreation space in perpetuity. There are over 50,000 people in the City of Sarasota and over 400,000 people in Sarasota County, in which the City is situated.

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

For this Phase of the project, the expected outcome is having the deliverables necessary to implement the project, such as the design and permitting documents. The Bobby Jones Nature Park cannot progress to Phase II construction without this assistance for Phase I.

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?

Penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures would include: a) a return of funding and, b) a report explaining why the deliverables or performance measures were not met.

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