



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3287

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Fort Myers wishes to expand recreational usage of an essential corridor located in Downtown Fort Myers. The parcel of land, located near City of Fort Myers Centennial Park and Edison Sailing Center, would allow for ease of both aquatic and land recreation to take place adjacent to the Caloosahatchee River. This acquisition would bring essential recreational revitalization to the downtown corridor.

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	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>

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)	6,000,000	67%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,000,000	33%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?

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



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The city spent/allocated \$15,759,486 in state/local recovery funds from the American Rescue Plan Act

### 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 1 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Jan 1 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The requested funds will be utilized for the purchase of the frontage adjacent to Centennial Park.	6,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>6,000,000</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

The purchase of this land will allow for increased recreational opportunities within the downtown corridor of Fort Myers. This acquisition would expand the land usage at both Centennial Park and the Edison Sailing Company with ample access to the natural resources along the Caloosahatchee and enhancing the economic opportunities of downtown Fort Myers.

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



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The usage of Centennial Park

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

Kayak rentals, nature classes, and more

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

All residents of Lee County, visitors and tourists.

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

Success will be measured by the increase in park visitors

**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?**

Repayment of funds

**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)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**   
**e. E-mail Address**   
**f. Phone Number**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number