



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2531

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

For more than 61 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida (BGCNF) has provided safe, positive places for young people to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens. Northwest Boys & Girls Club in Gainesville is the oldest Boys & Girls Club in the state of Florida with more than 75 years of service to the Alachua community. In 2020 the Club merged with BGCNF. Today the Club has 124 registered members; and serves an average of 88 young people each day after school. Of these young people, currently 96% receive free/reduced lunch; 74% live in a single-parent household or a non-parent household. In spite of these risks, at the Club our young people thrive through five central focus areas including Sports & Recreation, Education & Workforce Readiness, Character & Leadership, Health & Wellness, and the Arts. Given the Club's age, it is in dire need of capital improvements, including new electrical, HVAC system, floors and walls, and a new gym.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,071,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,071,000

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)	3,071,000	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	3,071,000	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.



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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.

In April 2020, BGCNF received a PPP loan of \$1,274,100. Based on qualifying expenses through 7/31/2020, and compliance with other aspects of the PPP, it was determined that 100% of the loan was forgivable. Through the US Dept. of Treasury, passed through City of Jacksonville, BGCNF also received COVID 19 Business Grant Funds in the amount of \$471,439.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida owns Northwest Boys & Girls Club in Gainesville.

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	Plumbing, HVAC, electrical, walls/doors (metal framing, drywall), flooring, ceilings, painting, bathrooms, gym, fire protection. (Includes exterior renovation, interior renovation, gym)	3,071,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,071,000

14. Program Performance



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

The goal of these funds is to fully renovate the oldest Boys & Girls Club in Florida; the renovation will make the Club safe and our young people will thrive for years to come. Built in the 60s, and with heavy, consistent use of young people ages 6-18, the building is in need of many upgrades for safety. This comprehensive renovation will ultimately allow us to serve young people in Gainesville safely and without interruption, giving them the world class Club experience they deserve.

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

The renovation project will enable us to continue to provide without interruption, programming in five central focus areas that empower youth in Education & Workforce Readiness, Sports & Recreation, Character & Leadership, Health & Wellness, and the Arts. All programs are learning based and create opportunities for social-emotional growth, increased self-esteem and building relevant skills. With the support of our professional staff, our young people build their capacity and plans for a great future. In all activities, we integrate youth development principles that emphasize positive relationships, self-confidence, goal setting and leadership. Young people improve their grades, make healthy choices, eliminate risky behaviors, build self-esteem, and develop social skills as they prepare themselves for colleges and careers of their choosing.

In short, this building renovation will uphold our goal to support each Club member to graduate high school with a plan for their future.

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

We offer a wide range of direct services that include a hot meal, homework help, tutoring, proven educational enhancements, and the chance to be coached in sports. Club members participate in STEM learning that leads to regional competitions; workforce development, career preparation, and mentoring, with job shadowing and internships; creative expression through arts projects; character and leadership development with service projects in the community; sports programming that teaches physical skills, teamwork, social skills and offers opportunities for healthy competition; and health and wellness practices that lead to healthy habits for life and an understanding of healthy nutrition.

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

While we serve any young person ages 6-18, the vast majority of our Club members live at or below the federal poverty level. We serve 88 young people each day at this Club, with 124 registered Club members; 66% live with a single parent and an additional 8% live in a non-parent/alternate custody home. Currently, 96% receive free or reduced fee lunch at school. The neighborhoods they live in see high rates of violent crime, gang activity, food insecurity, and low educational attainment. Research shows that nearly one-third of all violent crime committed by juvenile offenders occurs during the afterschool hours. Having young people spend time at our Club keeps them out of harm's way while supporting them to build the decision-making, social, and academic skills and experience they need to also keep them out of the juvenile justice system and on track for a great future.

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

Our programming gets results. We expect our Club members will stay in school, graduate high school, and have a plan for their future that may include secondary education such as college or vocational/trade school. We measure results annually through our evaluation survey, the National Youth Outcome Initiative. In 2022-23, results demonstrated the following: 95% of our young people expect to graduate high school; 87% of our young people expect to get some type of post-secondary education after high school graduation (college, including Master's degree, or vocational/trade school); 86% of our young people feel strongly and very strongly about their avoidance of risky behavior (smoking, alcohol, marijuana & fighting); 89% of our young people feel a sense of belonging at their Club. A sense of belonging supports positive mental health and emotional well-being.

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?

Should any portion of the project not be completed, associated funding will be returned.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**



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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
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number