



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3094

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds requested will be used for planning, engineering and design for park improvements. The regional park serves over 3000 residents of Bowling Green and Hardee County. Plans for the parks improvements include a walking trail, soccer fields, multi-use field, improved lighting, extend north parking lot 250ft by 20ft, galvanized chain link fence, and level soccer field ensuring the park is fully ADA compliant.

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	390,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>390,000</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)	390,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>390,000</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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We received \$1,445,965.00 in 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

August 1, 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

August 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	Planning, design and engineering to improve the recreational facilities and ensure the park is fully ADA compliant.	390,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>390,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

The funds requested will be used for planning, engineering and design for park improvements.

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

The funds requested will be used for planning, engineering and design for park improvements. The park serves over 3000 residents of Bowling Green and Hardee County. Plans for the park improvements include a improved walking trail in Pyatt Park (dispose of pine bark trail and replace it with asphalt), soccer fields, multi-use field, improved lighting, extend north parking lot 250ft by 20ft, galvanized chain link fence, and level soccer field.



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

Direct services include improved well-being, psychological and social health for residents through exposure to nature. Improvements will enable and encourage citizens to exercise, improve the overall health of the community, foster social connections and play a vital role in increasing available sports and community-based programs and for all ages.

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

The expected benefit will serve the entire population of the City of Bowling Green and Hardee County. Population currently 2405 persons (2020) per the US Census Bureau.

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

Improvements to our recreational fields, courts and nature trails will enable and encourage citizens to exercise. Exposure to natural environments and increased physical activity has been shown to decrease anxiety and improve mental health.  
 The park will promote outdoor activities for people of all ages. Parks provide a safe place for kids when they are not in school and create a space for community members to congregate safely and enjoy nature.  
 The improvements made to the park will provide jobs during planning and construction. Parks are also a source of positive economic benefits, enhance property values, increase municipal revenue and attract home buyers.

**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?**

Construction disbursements would not be made if construction of the project is not completed.

**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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number