



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2405

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The tourism development project is the construction of an additional softball field at Taylor County Sports Complex which will enable the county to host larger scale tournaments and events. The softball field is essential for tourism development in the county and for the City of Perry. It is anticipated each tournament the county hosts will have the ability to bring in over 1,000 visitors per event. According to tourism development studies, each visitor brings in an average of \$85 per day for overnight stays, thus bringing in \$85,000 per day or an average of \$170,000 for each weekend tournament or event. As a rural, fiscally constrained county, this will have a tremendous economic impact on the local economy.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 400,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 400,000 |

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) | 400,000 | 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 2023-2024 | 400,000 | 100% |

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?



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

The county received \$3.7M which was used for public safety costs and the purchase of PPE and associated equipment and supplies. The county will be using American Rescue Plan funding for stormwater projects.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12/01/23

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/24

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.

Taylor County Board of County Commissioners owns, maintains, and operates Taylor County Sports Complex. The county will be able to move forward with the project immediately if funding is awarded.

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 | Construction of a softball field which will include a scoreboard, lighting, and irrigation. All engineering, and project management costs will be at the county's expense. | 400,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 400,000 |

14. Program Performance

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



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The construction of the softball field will enable the county to host large scale tournaments which will be beneficial and essential for tourism development in the community. The estimated economic impact is \$85,000 per day for each tournament, a substantial amount for a fiscally constrained county. In addition to the economic impact, the existing fields are used to capacity and the field will be able to accommodate additional children who wish to participate. The complex is the ONLY public facility in the county which has the ability to host tournaments and promote tourism.

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

The construction of the softball field will enable the county to host large scale tournaments, thus benefiting the local economy and the promotion of tourism. As a fiscally constrained REDI community and RAO, the development and creation of economic and tourism opportunities is critical. The additional softball field will also ensure the county has the facilities needed to accommodate all local children and provide the opportunity for all to participate in softball and associated recreational events.

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

At this time, there is not sufficient facilities available to accommodate all who wish to participate in local softball programs and the new field will provide adequate recreational facilities to all who wish to participate. The Sports Complex has been key in providing tourism development opportunities for the community and is heavily used year-round. Hosting multi-day events has the potential to have a daily economic impact of more than \$85,000 per day on the community. As a RAO and REDI community, economic and tourism development is critical.

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

The target population is children and families, however, one of the key goals of the continued development of the Sports Complex is the ability to host tournaments and events to benefit the local economy. As the Sports Complex is heavily used year-round, more than 250,000 are expected to be served.

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

The construction of the additional softball field will aid in the continued development of the Sports Complex and associated economic and tourism development. In addition, the existing fields are used to capacity at this time and the additional field will allow more children and youth to participate in outdoor recreational opportunities. It is the county's goal that all children who wish to participate in sports and recreation will have the ability to with sufficient facilities available.

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?

The county will move forward with the construction of the softball field immediately upon availability of funds. All performance measures and deliverables will be met within funding contract timelines. The county will be using "in house" staff for engineering and project management. Staff who will be administering the funding has been involved in all prior phases of the Sports Complex development. The county has previously received five (5) FRDAP grants for the Sports Complex development and finished all phases within grant timelines and have successfully met all deliverable requirements.

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



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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