



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2617

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Sarasota County has identified the need for critical hardened infrastructure support space during storm preparation and recovery periods. This space is essential to the continuity of the operation of essential school, local government services, and intergovernmental coordination during and after major storm events. Construction of a new, 100,000 square foot Indoor Sports Complex at Nathan Benderson Park will serve a dual purpose, enabling Sarasota County and other local, state, and regional government agencies to stage pre and post storm emergency operations center personnel and equipment, and providing secondary public shelter capacity for extended post storm periods. The facility will be a private-public partnership constructed to Threshold Building standards (providing increased wind load capacity) and will be located in a location central to the North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton Metro Area (outside of designated evacuation zones or mapped flood zones).

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	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	20%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	20,000,000	40%
Other	20,000,000	40%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	50,000,000	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.

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)?

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.

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	All funds will be directed toward construction of the facility in compliance "Threshold building" standards (as defined by F.S. s. 553.71), specifically including structural components (shell and core, and roof) and FF&E necessary to support the State supported portion of the facility (power and electric, IT, loading, staging and site plan components).	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Sarasota County has committed \$20m and Nathan Benderson Park has secured a private philanthropic match of 20% of total facility costs for tourist development purposes. State funds will be targeted toward constructing the facility to threshold building standards with necessary supportive power, IT and other infrastructure to enable facility use by State and local agencies during emergency response and post storm events. The State will also realize tourism based ROI from the facility.

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

The facility will become available during emergency response and post storm events.

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

The facility will be available for government agency emergency response and post storm recovery staging.

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

The project will serve the entire region during emergency response and post storm recovery events. The North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton MSA 2021 census tract population is 859,760 people.

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

Construct a large flexible modern threshold building. School and other government agency spaces historically are occupied during emergency response and post storm recovery events, delaying or disrupting return to school and business activities which are the primary occupancy of those spaces. This project will enable occupancy of a space that displaces tourist development activity that would likely be temporarily suspended due to such emergency response or storm recovery activity regardless of facility availability. This project will provide needed spaces to State and local responders, and de-conflict the use of local schools and other government buildings.

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 appropriation request is tied specifically to construction of a threshold building which will be owned by Sarasota County, and made available to Sarasota County, the State of Florida and other governmental agencies during future year emergency response and post-storm recovery events. Disbursement of State agency funding as a reimbursement for actual costs incurred to construct the facility will provide an appropriate performance measure.

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)



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- 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