



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2457

1. **Title of Project:** Pinellas County - Highpoint Recreation Complex

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Jeff Brandes

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/14/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Construction of youth sports facilities to include baseball and multi-purpose fields, basketball courts, and playgrounds to serve a low income community which currently has limited access to community recreation facilities.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 800,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 800,000 |

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percent |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 800,000 | 30.77% |
| Federal | | 0.00% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | | 0.00% |
| Local | 1,800,000 | 69.23% |
| Other | | 0.00% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 | 2,600,000 | 100.0% |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | NonRecurring | | |
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9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|---|-------------|--------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | | |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | |



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| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| Operational Costs: | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Funding to assist in the design and construction of outdoor youth spots facilities in the Highpoint community to include multi-purpose field, baseball field, and hardcourt play area. | 800,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 800,000 |

11. Program Performance:

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

Provide organized and drop-in recreational sports activities through the construction of outdoor playfields to allow for participation in such activities as baseball/softball, soccer, and basketball as well as outdoor playground equipment for young children and families.

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

Through collaboration with area recreation service providers (YMCA, municipalities, local schools) underserved children in the Highpoint community will have the opportunity to play in organized and drop-in sports programs and activities, which are currently not available to this community.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Provide active recreation facilities and programs to economically disadvantaged youth who currently do not have access to sports facilities, provide a community gathering place for residents to gather in both structured and non-structured recreational play, and increase the health and well-being of residents through active play and sports activities

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

The target population are youth (male and female) from the ages of 5 to 16. The population to be served is expected to be 800+.

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

Physical activity through participation in sports and related activity is proven to be beneficial to the physical and emotional well-being of youth. Organized sports activities are effective at reducing childhood obesity, reducing drug use, and improving social and emotional well-being. Outcomes will be measured by self-reporting surveys, community surveys, tracking juvenile drug arrests in the area, and tracking juvenile arrest recidivism.

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 in the contract?

Forfeiture of unused funds.



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12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

This project is intended to be a joint usage facility between Pinellas County and the Pinellas County School Board (property owner). The Pinellas County School Board would benefit from this project through a joint usage agreement which would allow them use of the facility when not in use by the general public (i.e. during school hours).

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources
- b. **County:** Pinellas
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☒ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
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