



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1400

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

For over 50 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida (BGCNF) have provided safe, positive places for youth to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Recently, BGCNF was gifted 63 acres of land zoned for camping in Hilliard, Florida where we have created Camp Deep Pond, a camp designed specifically to change the lives of thousands of inner-city youth by taking them out of the violent neighborhoods of Jacksonville's Urban Core and into the woods. Reducing violence and increasing opportunities for education and self-worth is accomplished at camp through character development, teamwork activities and an immersion in outdoor adventure and discovery. Over 750 youth attended camp last July, and thousands will return this year. In 2019, we rented tents. In 2021 we need permanent camp buildings and structures to best serve our growing camp population.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	300,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	200,000	40%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21		750,000	1203A	Yes

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?

Yes

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

BGCNF received federal assistance in the amount of \$1,274,100 in the form of a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan that was used for salaries and wages for the organizations employees and staff.

11. 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	Multi-purpose Activity Center: \$300,000	300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

12. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used to build a permanent camp structure so we may facilitate activities that will develop character, produce hope and provide opportunities for at-risk inner-city youth. At Camp Deep Pond we are developing character in youth, helping them achieve social, emotional and physical wellness. We strive to reduce the tendencies of youth to be involved in violence, and provide ample opportunities for youth to grow exponentially. From building self-esteem and confidence to providing healthy nutrition and amazing outdoor activities, we offer a range of opportunities for kids to develop healthy habits for life. Ultimately, our goal of this funding request is to be able to build a permanent camp facility so we may comfortably and safely provide the programs and services necessary to help young people, especially those who need us most, reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

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

BGCNF will provide a true summer camp experience in an outdoor setting to thousands of at-risk inner-city youth each year. Upon receiving funds, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida will build a multi-purpose activity center for youth at Camp Deep Pond. Camp services and activities will include character development, team-building challenges, archery, science and technology (STEM rocket program), biking, kayaking, swimming, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FFWCC) "Project Wild" and "Project Aquatic Wild" curriculum, and BGCNF's "Ultimate Journey" curriculum. By acquiring needed funds to build Camp Deep Pond's permanent structures, we will continue to provide our excellent, life-changing activities and services safely and effectively to a larger population of at-risk, inner city youth.

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



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With the recent addition of Camp Deep Pond to BGCNF, we increased Club participation to thousands of at-risk inner-city youth. Direct services include transportation, healthy meals and snacks, personal character and team development lessons, outdoor adventure and educational opportunities for personal growth and discovery, at a true camp setting that many youth have never experienced before. Our goal is to reduce violence, increase education and hope, and help young people reach their full potential. Our camp staff is currently pursuing training provided by the American Camping Association, Florida Youth Network, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. New, permanent structures are essential to maximizing the impact our services have on our camp population.

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

The target population is at-risk youth ages 6 to 18 who currently live in the inner-city. We seek to serve over 2,000 youth during summer and many more during the school year. These youth typically reside in low-income households with over 90% of them participating in the free or reduced-fee lunch program at their school. Without BGCNF providing the summer camp experience at Camp Deep Pond, these youth would never have the opportunity to experience the joys of the great outdoors. Children and youth outside of BGCNF are always welcomed and encouraged to enjoy our services at Camp Deep Pond. We strive to accommodate and provide services for all young people.

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

Our goal is to ensure that the youth who spend their time with us are achieving social, emotional and physical wellness. From building self-esteem and confidence to providing healthy snacks and activities, we offer a range of opportunities for kids to develop healthy habits for life. Additionally, BGCNF will build permanent structures at Camp Deep Pond to include a multi-purpose activity center, restrooms, hydration stations, ropes course, restrooms, pole barn, nature/conservation education center and accommodations for various young people. We strive to reduce neighborhood violence, increase educational opportunities and provide hope to all young people.

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?

BGCNF fully expects to successfully implement the deliverables of this project. Should BGCNF fail to meet any aspect of the deliverables, an appropriate portion of funding could be returned.

13. 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 is the current owner of the land known as Camp Deep Pond. The land was deeded to Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida on December 7, 2018.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number