



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1348

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Aquatic Center was built in the 1960's. This facility teaches swim lessons, has a youth swim team, serves summer camp programs, water fitness for seniors and open lap/swim. The goal is to make the facility more inviting to the surrounding communities to pique the interest of children and adults to learn to swim - reducing drowning incidents. The pool does not have elements which attract youth and does not meet the depth or distance requirements for local high school swim teams. Once the aquatic center is renovated, swim lessons, high school swim teams, water fitness, programming will be more comprehensive. Additionally, the facility will also be used for Police and Fire rescue training and testing. The Aquatic Center will be in a place where families can go at a low cost/no cost for recreation and healthy lifestyle choices.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	22%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,750,000	78%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	2,250,000	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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Yes

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

CARES Act: - Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-CV) Round 1: \$597,108
- Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-CV3) Round 3: \$987,542
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA-CV): \$ 467,782

American Rescue Plan:

- HOME Investment Partnerships
- American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP): \$ 1,734,257
- The City has been awarded the funds however; a plan to HUD has not been completed and the funds have not been appropriated in the City's budget.

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	Construction of aquatic elements - slides, expanded pool deck and lap lanes, updated pump room for a more sustainable operation.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Aquatic Center will meet the current needs in the community through water safety awareness, learn to swim programs, a place where a culturally diverse community can come together for physical, mental and social well-being. This can only be achieved with the renovation of the facility to make it more functional, multi-functional, and attractive to the community of all ages. The goal is to create an aquatic center which attracts visitors of various user groups to sustain a year round operation.

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

Once the Aquatic Center is renovated - swim lessons, high school swim teams, water fitness, and programming will be more comprehensive. Additionally, the facility will also be used for Police and Fire rescue training and testing. The Aquatic Center will also be a low/no cost place where families can go for recreation and healthy lifestyle choices.

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

The Aquatic Center will offer swim lessons, fitness classes, lap swimming, swim team practices and meets, as well as a place for people to cool off during the very warm summer months.

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



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The surrounding neighborhoods and the citizens of West Palm Beach and adjacent communities. The surrounding neighborhoods are largely minority - African American and Latin American. Also, prior to the pandemic, the center was working with the local elementary school to ensure students would know how to swim. We average 1,200 students in swim lessons per year and 8,000 visitors per year and we are currently open April through November.

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

The center will attract diverse user groups to sustain a year round operation. This would ensure ongoing water safety/drowning prevention programs are available and progressive swim lessons including lifeguard training for employment opportunities are viable programs. Methods for measurement will be through drowning prevention vouchers used, swim lesson enrollment, open swim, lap swim and fitness program registrations. With lessons pre and post testing is performed.

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?

A sliding scale - repayment of funds based on shortfall in deliverables.

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.

The City of West Palm Beach is the owner.



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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