



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1716

1. Project Title

Lake County Lake Idamere Park - Recreational and Accessibility Improvements

2. Senate Sponsor

Dennis Baxley

3. Date of Request

11/09/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Design and construction of three (3) pavilions, an ADA accessible paddle launch for access to Lake Idamere, a 1.25 mile paved multi-use nature education trail, native landscaping, and upgrades to the boundless playground area. These improvements will enhance the overall accessibility across Lake Idamere Park which has a Miracle Field and Track, ADA accessible fishing pier, and two (2) ADA restroom facilities. This facility serves persons of all abilities by providing ADA accessible amenities and is one of the few facilities of this type in Florida. Lake Idamere Park will also serve as a trailhead for a future multi-use trail between Tavares and Howey-in-the-Hills.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted?

No

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	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,000,000	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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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No

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

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Director, Assistant Director, Engineer II	4,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Procurement Officer, Construction Inspector I & II	1,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Vehicle, Fuel, Printer, Computer, Phone	1,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Permitting & Construction Bid Documents	45,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Inspections, Supervision, and Reporting	3,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Vehicle, Fuel, Printer, Computer, Phone	1,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Materials, Equipment, Site Inspection, Project Close-out	20,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design, permitting, construction bid documents, and construct three (3) pavilions, an ADA accessible paddle launch, a one (1) miles paved ADA nature education and exercise trail, and additional ADA site improvements.	425,000
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?

Access for persons of all abilities to enjoy paddling Lake Idamere, hiking or cycling the nature education and exercise trail, and enjoy picnics in pavilions while also improving the Boundless Playground. Lake Idamere Park's development is entirely based on access to everyone regardless of ability to enjoy being outdoors in a safe and positive environment. Lake Idamere Parks will also serve as a trailhead for a planned multi-use trail between Tavares and Howey-in-the-Hills.

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

Access for person with all abilities to enjoy paddling Lake Idamere, hiking or cycling the nature education and exercise trail, and enjoy picnics in pavilions while also improving the Boundless Playground. The funds will assist in creating a more complete, fully accessible park for residents and visitors of all abilities.

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

Provide additional recreation opportunities to person of all abilities.

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

Residents and visitors to Lake County, primarily focused on persons with varying abilities. The Lake County Miracle League participants and their families would benefit greatly from additional recreational opportunities along with those of the visiting teams from outside the area.

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



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2018 Parks, Recreation, & Trails Master Plan update by Tindle-Oliver.

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?

Lake County Office of Procurement Services in coordination with Lake County Office of Parks & Trails contracting officer will include the appropriate penalties (financial penalties including bond forfeiture) to ensure quality

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.

Lake County Board of County Commissioners - Lake County Office of Parks & Trails



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15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Lake County Office of Parks & Trails

b. Municipality and County Lake

c. Organization Type

- ☐ For Profit Entity
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- ☒ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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