



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1886

1. Project Title Magnolia Square Beautification - Blountstown

2. Senate Sponsor Lorraine Ausley

3. Date of Request 12/07/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Magnolia Square is located in the heart of the City of Blountstown at the crossroads of the main intersection of State Road 71 and State Road 20. It is proudly maintained by the city and routinely used by community members and organizations for events. In order to better serve the community, upgrades need to be made. These include new sod and landscaping, replacement of aged electrical wiring around the site, a new sound system, and lighting improvements. This will add utility to an already heavily used site and enhance the beauty of this site located centrally in the city.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency contacted? No

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 200,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 200,000 |

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) | 200,000 | 100% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 | 200,000 | 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?

No



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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 | | 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 | Design and construction of site improvements | 200,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 200,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose for the requested funds is to provide updates to existing conditions of the park. These upgrades include new sod and landscaping, replacement of aged electrical wiring around the site, a new sound system, and lighting improvements. Improvements to the park will better serve the city's residents and encourage more people to visit.

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

The proposed upgrades include new sod and landscaping, replacement of aged electrical wiring around the site, a new sound system, and lighting improvements. The upgrades will better serve the people by creating a welcoming environment that is user-friendly for community events and festivities that are held throughout the year.

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

New sod and landscaping will give a greater appeal to the park and encourage people to visit. Replacement of aged electrical wiring around the site will allow for vendors to plug-in during festivals that Magnolia Square hosts. A new sound system will replace the existing, dated sound system and will be used for movie nights on the square and other festivities that the park offers. New lighting make the park users comfortable if walking through the park at night, give lighting for after-dark community events, and give an overall appeal to the park.

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

The target population is the City of Blountstown.

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

The expected benefit is to make the park more enjoyable and useful to its visitors. Each component will be beneficial to its users in its own way, creating a more fulfilling experience.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties



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for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

The city will work with the contracting agency to determine applicable measures, should funding be made available.

- 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 Blountstown is the owner and requesting entity.



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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