



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2124

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The tourism development project is the construction of an additional softball field which will enable the County to host larger scale tournaments and events. The softball field is essential for tourism development in the community and for the City of Perry. It is anticipated each tournament the County hosts will have the ability to bring in 1,000 visitors per event. Per tourism development studies, each visitor brings in an average of \$75 for overnight stays, thus bringing in \$75,000 to the County each event. For a rural, fiscally constrained community this will have a tremendous economic impact on the local economy.

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	466,400
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>466,400</b>

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)	466,400	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>466,400</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**

As a fiscally constrained County, there are no additional funds available at this time. The County had planned on submitting a FRDAP grant for the project but was ineligible due to current open grants.

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.**

The County received \$3.7M which was used for public safety costs and the purchase of PPE and associated equipment and supplies. The County will be receiving American Rescue Plan funds and anticipates using those funds for stormwater projects.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of a softball field which will include scoreboard, lighting and irrigation.	466,400
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>466,400</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The construction of the softball field will enable the County to host large scale tournaments which will be beneficial and essential for tourism development in the community. The estimated economic impact will be \$75,000 per event, a substantial amount for a fiscally constrained County. In addition to the economic impact, the existing softball fields are used to capacity and the additional field will be able to accommodate additional children who wish to participate in softball. The Complex is the ONLY public facility in the County which has ability to host tournaments and to create economic development opportunities.

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

The construction of the softball field will enable the County to host large scale tournaments thus benefiting the local economy and promoting tourism. As a fiscally constrained RAO and REDI community, the development and creation of economic and tourism opportunities is critical. The additional softball field will also ensure the County has the facilities needed to accommodate all local children and provide the opportunity for all to participate in softball and associated recreational programs.

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

Additional recreational opportunities will be available to all children who wish to participate in softball programs and events. At this time there are not sufficient facilities available to accommodate all children who wish to participate. The Sports Complex has been key in tourism development opportunities for the community. Hosting multi-day events has the potential to have an economic impact of an estimated \$75,000 per weekend/event. As a designated RAO and REDI community, economic and tourism development is critical to the community.

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



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The target population is children and families who wish to participate in and enjoy outdoor recreation. However, one of the key goals is the continued development of the Sports Complex is to host tournaments and events to benefit the local and regional economy. As the Complex is heavily used year around, more than 200,000 are expected to be served.

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

The construction of the additional softball field will aid in the continued development of tournaments and events at the Sports Complex which has a tremendous benefit on the local economy. In addition, the existing fields are used to capacity at this time and the new field will allow for additional participation for the County's children and youth. It is the County's goal that all children who wish to participate in sports and outdoor recreational opportunities will have the ability to with sufficient facilities available.

**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?**

The County will move forward with the construction of the softball field immediately upon availability of funds. All performance measures and deliverables will be met within funding contract timelines. The County will be using the County Engineer for engineering and project management. The Engineer has been directly involved in previous construction and development phases at the Complex.

**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.**

Taylor County Board of Commissioners, owns, operates, and maintains the Sports Complex. The County has a Recreation Department which, schedules, operates, and oversees the tournaments and events.



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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