



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2277

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Research shows that high-quality after-school programs improve students' educational outcomes, school attendance, and social and emotional learning. Afterschool Alliance, an educational watchdog group, claims that quality after-school programs understand that children and youth in different age groups vary in academic, psychological, and physical activity needs. This request is for funding to construct a new hurricane-resistant, COVID-19 sensitive Boys and Girls Club facility. Gadsden County has limited recreational programs or organizations that provide organized after-school activities. There is a clear need for after-school programs in a structured setting like a Boys and Girls Club.

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	3,618,705
Total State Funds Requested	3,618,705

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)	3,618,705	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	3,618,705	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.

\$7.9 million CARES Act to support small businesses, citizens, broadband, and a community awareness program.
\$4.4 million American Rescue Plan Act to support small businesses, nonprofits, churches, public health, citizens, and a public awareness campaign.

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 new state of the art building; architecture and engineering.	3,618,705
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,618,705

12. Program Performance

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

The construction of a new hurricane-resistant, COVID-19 sensitive Boys and Girls Club facility. Gadsden County has limited recreational programs or organizations that provide organized after-school activities. There is a clear need for after-school programs in a structured setting like a Boys and Girls Club.

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

Project amenities include study area and learning center; technology center; gymnasium; dedicated cafeteria; and outdoor greenspace area.
The facility would dually serve as a COVID and natural disaster emergency shelter for able-bodied and special needs Gadsden County residents and evacuees from other areas during a disaster. Gadsden County was designated a strike-force zone by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) when the federal government first launched the program and demonstrated the need for a COVID-19 inspired facility.
The Boys and Girls Club facility will be located in Quincy, the largest municipality in Gadsden County. The City of Quincy has less than 12,000 residents and a 36.4% poverty rate.

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

Access to after-school programs: Research shows that high-quality after-school programs improve students' educational outcomes, school attendance, and social and emotional learning. Afterschool Alliance, an educational watchdog group, claims that quality after-school programs understand that children and youth in different age groups vary in academic, psychological, and physical activity needs.

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



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School-aged children and at-risk youth in Gadsden County. 12,000 individuals are expected be served.

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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The State of Florida is known nationally for its school grading system, recreational activities, and sports programs. Based on yearly student test results, the Gadsden County public education system has consistently received a C or lower grade from the Florida Department of Education. Gadsden County must receive this funding to ensure its youth have the education, skills, and support to be successful adults and compete in the workforce.

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?

Corrective action plan created, measured, and implemented with a success timeline for the state to continue funding the project.

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.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners



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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