



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2366

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds requested are for contractual construction services for recreational improvements at the City's owned largest recreational facility, Farr Field Park. The City is a Financially Disadvantaged Municipality located in Hardee County, a Rural Area of Economic Opportunity. The City has invested in the design services for these improvements that address the community's needs for improved/new baseball fields, dug-outs, fencing, entryway improvements, safety drop-off area, ADA and appropriate parking, picnic area, pergola, covered pavilion, splash pad, playground, family tent area, covered bleacher seating and landscaping. In 2019, the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) embarked on the creation of a Parks Master Plan, with input from the public, and a master plan was created with concepts for Farr Field Park. Farr Field Park serves as home to the Little League Baseball and the Hardee County Youth Softball (HCYS) organizations.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	89%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	180,000	11%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,680,000	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.

American Rescue Plan total funding is to be \$2,397,086; First allocation is \$1,198,543. Funds to be used for water and sewer infrastructure needs.

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	Contractual construction services for recreational improvements	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

Goal is to address the needs of the community with improvements to Farr Field Park that include baseball fields, dug-outs, fencing, entryway improvements, safety drop-off area, ADA compliance, appropriate parking, picnic area, covered pavilion, splash pad, playground, family tent area, covered bleacher seating and landscaping.

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

Contractual construction services will be solicited through the City's procurement policy.

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

Direct services provided to citizens, youth, visitors, tourists, retirees, etc. includes improving the quality-of-life and physical well-being but improves the wealth of the community overall. Parks provide the potential for economic development, property values increases, and enhance community cohesion. Farr Field Park is a dynamic community focal point and these improvements will significantly provide the community and youth avenues to participate in organized sports, socialize with family and friends.

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

Target population is the citizenry of the City of Wauchula, Hardee County and surrounding communities including sports organizations, tourists, youth, visitors, retirees and residents throughout the State of Florida.

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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Expected benefit is meeting the community's need with improved recreational amenities which improves health, quality of life, and wealth of the community. Farr Field Park is the largest recreational park and is a dynamic focal point for the community. The completed improvements also provides for a way to promote economic development, attract visitors, increase tourism, which brings in additional revenues, enhance property values, increase of home buyers, workers, and environmental savings with reductions in managing stormwater costs. Measurement is certification of the project, community feedback, and tracking of usage.

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?

Non payment of invoices until milestones are achieved; implementation of a corrective action plan.

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.

City of Wauchula is the entity and 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