



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2549

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

In 2018, there were no youth development programs in Arcadia until the historic Smith-Brown schoolhouse was renovated to become the Louis and Gloria Flanzer Boys and Girls Club. It was clear that the capacity was not enough to meet the need of this historically underserved community. A capital initiative was launched to renovate and expand the on-site Smith-Brown gymnasium to turn it into a 21st Century learning and enrichment facility and community center. Once the construction and renovation of this facility are completed, the capacity will increase to over 200 youth, ages 6-18, with academic and personal enrichment programming, daily nutritious snacks and meals, and the mentorship to achieve their best. The new facility will include a 10,000 sq. ft. addition with a state-of-the-art kitchen and food pantry, a computer lab, classrooms, and enrichment space. This will be a destination not only for local youth but will also act as a community hub for events, meetings, etc.

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	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	11%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	4,000,000	89%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	4,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20		500,000	2307A	Yes

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.



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

Yes

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

Yes, the organization received two rounds of PPP loans totaling \$1,588,860. All funds were expended on staff salaries and wages.

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	Any awarded state funds will be used for the construction of the expansion portion of the Boys and Girls Club project in Arcadia. All costs will be used to for labor, materials, and construction to reach the goal of \$4.5 million to finish this transformational project for the community of Arcadia. Components of the expansion section include a commercial teaching kitchen and food pantry, Technology Lab, cafeteria, classrooms, gymnasium, and enrichment space.	500,000
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?

With the requested funds, the club will be able to complete construction on this transformational project for the families of Arcadia. Total current capacity is 75 children, ages 6-12, with limited space and thus limited programmatic opportunities. Upon completion, over 200 youth will be served, ages 6-18, with high-yield programs designed around academic success, healthy habits, character and leadership development, and college and career readiness programs. The site will also serve as a community hub for events, meetings, and 2-Gen education. The awarding of funds will make the 10,000 sq. ft. expansion project a reality for the community of Arcadia and the impact of that cannot be overstated.

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

The current Louis and Gloria Flanzer Boys and Girls Club is a safe space in the middle of public housing to ensure those who need services the most are the ones receiving them. The current club offers supplemental learning which largely focuses on academic success and healthy lifestyles to help them reach their full potential, achieve on-time grade advancement, and have a plan for the future. However, the limited space limits the amount of children. With the renovated gymnasium, programs in the arts, career and workforce development, and character and leadership development can be expanded to help significantly more than the current 75 club members succeed in school and in life. The central focus of these programs is to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty to create well-rounded, responsible students, and citizens who will be self-sustaining future leaders of the community.

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



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Once the construction is completed, the club will be able to expand their capacity to over 200 youth, ages 6-18, with academic and personal enrichment programming, daily nutritious snacks and meals, and the mentorship to achieve their best. The current schoolhouse has a capacity of only 75 children, ages 6-12. This means that the club will be able to nearly triple the capacity while also expanding programming to include local teens and serve them with award-winning, high yield teen programming. The current club (the renovated schoolhouse) will be transformed into a teen center, providing nationally-recognized teen programs, like leadership development, entrepreneurial exploration, and vocational training. Residents will also have access to the facility for community meetings, gatherings, and educational opportunities.

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

The target population includes the underserved youth of Arcadia, particularly those who live in public housing and low-to-moderate income households, as history shows they will benefit the most from the programs occurring at the new facility. The program currently serve 75 youth, ages 6-12. However, upon completion, the program will be able to serve over 200 youth, ages 6-18, in the community of Arcadia.

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

It is expected that there will be significant increases in academic success, physical and mental well-being, and character and leadership development to help each club member reach their full potential with a plan for the future after high school. It is expected 70% of club members will achieve a "C" in reading and language arts, an increased knowledge of avoiding risky behaviors and situations, increased knowledge and engagement in healthy behaviors, while also becoming more physically active and healthy. The hope is that 100% will achieve on-time grade advancement and graduate high school on time with a plan for the future. The methodology by which these will be judged are through on-site pre- and post test performance reviews, participation levels, and quarterly grade tracking through a strong partnership with the local Arcadia schools whose students are served. The club has Florida Certified Teachers on staff to appropriately help students with homework and academic assistance.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables should result in a probationary period for the organization from receiving state funds.

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 Arcadia has partnered on this capital project providing a 25-year lease for \$1 a year and an agreement to for the city to pay utilities throughout the term of the lease.



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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