



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2440

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The YMCA of SWFL Youth Development Center project will replace damaged portable buildings with a 10,000 sq. ft. permanent, storm-resistant facility. It will provide childcare, before and after-school programs, academic support, youth activities, and community meals, ensuring a safe and engaging space for children and families.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,250,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,250,000	90%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	10%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	4,750,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction



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a. What is the current phase of the project?

☒ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction ☐ N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

3/31/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

3/31/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Ongoing operations and maintenance will be funded through YMCA program revenue, private donations, grants, and local partnerships. Sustainable funding sources include childcare tuition, after-school program fees, and community support, ensuring long-term financial stability for the facility.

11. List 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 YMCA of Southwest Florida, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, will receive the fixed capital outlay funding.

12. 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		
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	Funds will cover site prep, storm-resistant construction, impact windows, and reinforced roofing. Costs include childcare classrooms, a full-service kitchen, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, security, and ADA compliance. This ensures a durable, safe Youth Center for education, meals, and community support. Funds will replace aging playground equipment with durable, storm-resistant structures and materials. Upgrades include reinforced fencing, impact-resistant play surfaces, and weatherproof equipment	4,250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,250,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The funding will replace damaged portable buildings with a 10,000 sq. ft. permanent Youth Development Center, ensuring a safe, storm-resistant space for childcare, before and after school programs, and community meals. A full-service kitchen will address food security needs. Additionally, playground fencing and equipment will be upgraded with durable, storm-resistant materials to enhance safety and longevity, creating a secure, engaging environment for youth and families.

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

The Youth Development Center will provide childcare, before and after school programs, academic support, and youth activities in a safe, storm-resistant space. A full-service kitchen will offer nutritious meals for children and the community. The upgraded playground will ensure safe, engaging outdoor play. These services support youth development, education, and community well-being.

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

Funding will provide safe childcare, before and after school programs, academic support, and youth activities. A full-service kitchen will offer daily meals for children and community members. The upgraded playground will provide a secure space for outdoor play. These services enhance education, nutrition, and well-being for families in a storm-resilient facility.

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

The target population includes at-risk youth, grade school students, and families in Charlotte County and surrounding areas. The project is expected to serve 500+ individuals, providing childcare, after-school programs, academic support, and youth activities in a safe, storm-resistant facility.

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

The project will improve education, physical health, and community resilience by providing academic support, safe play areas, and a storm-resistant facility. Outcomes will be measured through student progress, program participation, facility usage, and job creation data, ensuring long-term community benefits.

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 in the contract?

Return of percentage of state funds until deliverables or performance measures are met.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply



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a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

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