



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2521

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project consists of improvements to Jackie Robinson Ballpark in Daytona Beach to ensure the continued presence of professional baseball at this historic facility, meeting the standards required to support the game at the standards of Major League Baseball.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,200,000

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)	2,200,000	9%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	2,200,000	9%
Local	20,000,000	81%
Other	200,000	1%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	24,600,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? No

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

1/2/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

1/26/2026

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

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 City of Daytona Beach owns the facility, with the Daytona Tortugas organization serving as the primary tenants. The Tortugas also sublease the ballpark to Bethune-Cookman University.

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	The requested funds will be allocated for the renovation of Jackie Robinson Ballpark, including the installation of new seating, expansion of the first and third base dugouts to meet Major League Baseball standards, maintenance and repairs of the historic ballpark, the addition of a new playground, and the procurement of furniture, fixtures, and equipment for a new facility. These enhancements aim to ensure the continued presence of professional baseball at Jackie Robinson Ballpark.	2,200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,200,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used to upgrade Jackie Robinson Ballpark to meet current Major League Baseball standards, ensuring the continued presence of professional baseball at the facility.

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



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

The requested funding will directly enhance the community experience at Jackie Robinson Ballpark by: ensuring professional baseball continues in Daytona Beach, community events and youth engagement, continue to have a tourism and economic impact and enhance public amenities.

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

Sports fans, Sports Tourist, Major and Minor League baseball fans, family's and residents of Florida

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

An improved experience at the Jack for visitors and improved facilities.

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?

Funds would be withheld.

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):

Hurricanes Helene and Milton

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

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

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



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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.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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