



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1122

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project would provide for the construction of an air pavilion to cover the basketball courts at Oveta McKeithen Park and keep the elements from impacting residents. The air pavilion would be open-sided, so it would still provide for users to experience fresh outdoor air but would not experience the heat of the sun and the hazards of the rain. The air pavilion would be raised high enough to allow for both competitive and recreational basketball play. In an event of a COVID-19 outbreak this area would be suitable for outdoor meetings as well.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	450,000
Total State Funds Requested	450,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	450,000	38%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	750,000	62%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,200,000	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



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10. Status of Construction

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?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2026

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

The City of Deerfield Beach currently maintains the amenities at Oveta McKeithen Park.

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 Deerfield Beach would be the owner of the Air Pavillion at the City owned Park.

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	Installation of an air pavilion over the basketball courts.	450,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		450,000

13. Program Performance

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

The request of funds would allow the City to accommodate more youth and adults in the City through City sponsored basketball program year-round. This proposed air pavilion project would provide a covered space over 2 additional basketball courts by providing a common space for sports and recreation. Placing an air pavilion over the courts would foster a sense of community; becoming a gathering spot where residents can meet, socialize, and build lasting friendships, enhancing social cohesion.

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

An air Pavilion would allow for additional programs year-round such as youth basketball, adult basketball, volleyball, and pick ball.



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

Direct services include access to a centrally located park for residents of all ages to share a common space for sports and recreation year-round despite the weather conditions in south Florida.

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

The proposed air pavilion would be installed in an underserved low-to-moderate area in the City adjacent to the Stanely Terrace Apartment Complex a large HUD funded affordable housing complex. As a result of Oveta McKiethen Park being centrally located, the park will be utilized by all 87,000 residents of the City.

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

The expected benefit or outcome of the air pavilion at Oveta McKeithen Park would provide a covered space over 2 additional basketball courts by providing a common space for sports and recreation. Placing an air pavilion over the courts would foster a sense of community; becoming a gathering spot where residents can meet, socialize, and build lasting friendships, enhancing social cohesion. Parks and Recreation would complete community surveys to gauge the community usage of the facility as well as staff would create additional programming, removing current wait list for recreational programs.

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?

If the City fails to meet the performance measures provided by the contract the City would suggest reducing the total funding allocation.

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

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)?



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- ☐ 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.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number



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