



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1143

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Boys & Girls Clubs empower youth to reach their full potential through after-school and summer programs focused on Academic Success, Health & Well-being, Character & Leadership, and Life & Workforce Readiness. This project will support the construction and renovation of a designated Teen Space to strengthen engagement and expand program capacity. Planned improvements include the project will renovate an adjacent building to create a connected Teen Center with an open-concept design for specialized programming. Improvements include constructing a link between the two buildings, removing interior walls, installing new flooring, and updating electrical and lighting systems. The existing Club will also receive fresh paint, surface repairs, and refinished interiors.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	29%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	14%
Other	1,000,000	57%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,750,000	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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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?

06/30/2027

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance will be funded through the organization's operational budget and additional resources.

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.

Christopher Gentile, Co-CEO of Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County.

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	Construct walls and roofing to enclose area; Install windows, doors, and ventilation systems; Interior Modifications (Knock down existing walls to create an open layout; Install new flooring; Add or update electrical and lighting fixtures); Existing Club Renovations (Paint interior walls and ceilings, patching holes or refinishing surfaces).	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Chartered in 1965, Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County serves more than 8,000 youth ages 6-18, throughout Broward County. Our equation for success includes providing after school and summer programming in four areas of impact: Academic Success, Health & Well-being, Character & Leadership, and Life & Workforce Readiness. Capital improvements will ensure that our members continue to have a safe space to learn, develop and reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

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

These funds will enable the construction of Carol Boies Teen Center, complete repairs, and renovation of the Club to create a new designated specialty space to serve members. This initiative will ensure we continue providing out-of-school time activities that address the educational, personal, and vocational needs of underserved, at-risk youth in Broward County.

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

Clubs provide high-yield educational, healthy lifestyle and leadership programs to youth with both environmental and individual risk factors. Our programs strive to have an impact on our members' development, while seeking to empower youth to lead productive lives by ensuring that they have the proper skills to pursue future education and careers.

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

The target population includes economically disadvantaged individuals and at-risk youth, specifically grade school and high school students, with an estimated 200–400 members expected to be served through this project.

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

This project will serve youth, providing a safe and supportive environment that promotes overall well-being and future success. Members will benefit from improved physical health through free nutritious meals and fitness programs, and enhanced mental health through evidence-based initiatives that build resilience, coping skills, and emotional awareness. Educational outcomes will strengthen through homework support, project-based learning, and technology, while cultural enrichment programs such as art, music, and recording sessions expand creative expression. Substance prevention and positive youth development programs equip members with the confidence and refusal skills to make healthy choices and avoid risky behaviors. Collectively, these efforts help divert youth from the juvenile justice system, foster leadership, and prepare them to thrive in school, career, and life.

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?

Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County will follow all rules and regulations associated with administering the funding contract. We intend to fully utilize all of the appropriated funds. Should any portion of the project not be completed, we will return the associated project funding.

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



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- ☐ 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
- ☐ 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



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☐ 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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.