



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1179

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City is undertaking redeveloping Provost Park in the Diamond Square Community. This project represents a long-overdue investment in equity, safety, and inclusion for an underserved community. The City has already invested over \$1.7 million to redevelop a portion of the park and now is adding in new accessible playground equipment, new soccer mini-pitches, and a fitness court. This project supports healthier lifestyles, deters crime and creates a safe, welcoming environment for residents.

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	550,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	200,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	27%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,700,000	62%
Other	300,000	11%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	2,750,000	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



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2026

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?

Parks and recreation funding

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.

City of Cocoa

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	Accessible playground equipment, and fitness court equipment.	550,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of the concrete pads for the soccer mini-pitches and fitness court.	200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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

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



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With this redevelopment project, Provost Park will have accessible playground equipment, the only playground with this type of equipment in the City, new facilities for youth soccer programming, and fitness equipment that can allow individual and group fitness activity. This project supports healthier lifestyles, deters crime, and creates a safe space for youth and families.

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

Access to healthy recreational alternatives that can provide a safe environment for families in the Cocoa community and another alternative for youth to have access to a sport that can provide opportunities for continuing education. Also, the accessible playground equipment provides direct recreational opportunities for handicap youth in the Cocoa community that don't have this type of equipment.

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

Elderly, youth and economically disadvantaged persons in the surrounding community that will utilize the facilities.

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

Improve physical and mental health, protect the general public from harm, reduce recidivism, reduce substance abuse, and divert from the criminal and juvenile justice system by providing recreational opportunities. This can be measured through usage reports.

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?

Ineligibility for future funding or participation in similar state-funded projects for a defined period.

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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