



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1498

1. Project Title Franklin County, Sylvester Williams Park Lighting

2. Senate Sponsor Corey Simon

3. Date of Request 11/17/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Franklin County seeks funding to install energy-efficient, storm-rated lighting at Sylvester Williams Park to improve safety, accessibility, and year-round usability. This lighting upgrade will complement a series of recent improvements made to the park, including the installation of new playground equipment, engineering for a paved parking area, removal of unsafe structures, gate and fencing repairs, updated safety signage, enhancements to the softball field, and extensive clearing of brush and trees. The proposed lighting will increase visibility for evening use, deter vandalism, and ensure the park remains a safe, welcoming space for residents and visitors—even during inclement weather. This investment supports the County's broader commitment to resilient, inclusive, and well-maintained public spaces.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	295,000
Total State Funds Requested	295,000

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)	295,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	295,000	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.



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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?

12/31/2026

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

Franklin County, local Parks and Recreation budget

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.

Franklin County Board of County Commissioners

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	Through a pre qualified vendor, Sourcewell, Franklin County will procure a turnkey project to install the Light-Structure System (trademarked) with Total Light Control - TLC for LED technology	295,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		295,000

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?

The installation of the Light Structure System at Sylvester Williams Park will integrate structural, electrical, and lighting components into a unified, high-performance solution. Engineered for long-term reliability in coastal and storm-prone environments, this system delivers precise, energy-efficient illumination while minimizing spill, glare, and light pollution. By directing light exactly where needed, it enhances safety and usability without disrupting surrounding natural areas. The system's advanced design reduces power consumption, lowers the park's carbon footprint, and supports Franklin County's commitment to environmentally responsible infrastructure and resilient public spaces.

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

The appropriation project will directly provide Franklin County residents with enhanced recreational services through the installation of energy-efficient, storm-rated lighting at Sylvester Williams Park. This improvement will extend safe access to the park during evening hours, support multi-generational use, and promote active play, wellness, and social interaction. Families, youth, seniors, and visitors will benefit from a well-lit, secure environment that accommodates sports, gatherings, and leisure activities year-round. Combined with recent upgrades, including new playground equipment, fencing repairs, and field enhancements, the lighting system will help transform the park into a resilient, inclusive, and continuously accessible public space for all ages.

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

Franklin County - 13,330 county residents

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 of this project is a safer, more accessible, and environmentally responsible Sylvester Williams Park through the installation of energy-efficient, storm-rated lighting. This upgrade will extend usable hours, improve visibility, deter vandalism, and support multi-generational recreation in a well-maintained public space. The outcome will be measured through successful installation and operational testing, verification of energy and resilience standards, increased evening park usage, reduced safety incidents, and resident feedback, demonstrating enhanced public safety, community engagement, and alignment with Franklin County's infrastructure goals.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or field performance measures provided for in the contract?

Franklin County will work with the contracting agency to determine applicable measures should funding be made available.

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?



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- ☐ 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
- ☐ 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



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☐ 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

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