



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1762

1. Project Title Bradenton - 9th Street Park Phase Two

2. Senate Sponsor Jim Boyd

3. Date of Request 12/3/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this project is to create a recreation complex for the benefit and enjoyment of residents and visitors to the City of Bradenton. Bradenton has a long history with MLB and this partnership, along with partnerships with the Housing Authority, Manatee School Board, Police Athletic League and Manatee County, will create a world class facility. The park will provide space for sports events, festivals, local markets, playground and other local activities with buildings for restrooms and concessions.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Commerce

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,000,000	77%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	6,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	1,000,000	2341A	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,500,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

City of Bradenton general revenue funds

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?

3/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

City Park will become part of the city's network of parks and maintained under such organization. Additionally, this facility is adjacent to LECOM Park and of interest to the Pittsburgh Pirates who will also participate in the maintenance and upkeep of the facility.

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 Bradenton Public Works & Utilities

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	Funds for this project will go directly for construction of phase two of this project.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this project is to create a recreation complex for the benefit and enjoyment of residents and visitors to the City of Bradenton. Bradenton has a long history with MLB and this partnership, along with partnerships with the Housing Authority, Manatee School Board, Police Athletic League and Manatee County, will create a world class facility. The park will provide space for sports events, festivals, local markets, playground and other local activities with buildings for restrooms and concessions.

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



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Bradenton City Park will offer local baseball teams with the fields needed for practice and competition. It will also include playground, restrooms and concession areas that will allow other community activities. The inclusion of a Police Athletic League Center will compliment the elementary school within the limits of the project to provide a wide range of services.

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

Sports activities, recreation, park and green areas, community center.

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

The target population is the under served community surrounding the area where the park is located. The area and community also includes an elementary school and a proposed Police Athletic League Community Center. Both children and young adults at risk will benefit from the positive impact this project will provide.

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

The project is geared to provide a safe environment for the community where children and adults alike can participate in sports and recreational activities. These opportunities are currently not available in the scale the park will provide to the residents of the city. The engagement of the general population in the type of activities that the park will provide will be evidence of the positive impact this project will have to the residents and visitors to the City of Bradenton.

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?

None at this time.

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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