



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1792

1. Project Title Pinellas County: Expanding Access to Youth Athletics and Water Safety

2. Senate Sponsor Ed Hooper

3. Date of Request 12/8/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Every child has safe access to any of the more than 50 (and growing) CFY supported youth athletics programs and 10 Title One Elementary Schools Water Safety Programs in Pinellas County. These more than 50 programs and 10 schools offer 13 distinct sports, providing diverse and meaningful opportunities for youth to participate and grow. These programs are annually reaching over 15,000 Pinellas County children, giving young people the opportunity to experience the value of being part of something larger than themselves while developing the foundational skills and values that will guide them through the next phases of their lives. CFY Pinellas utilizes attendance at a Pinellas County Schools Title 1 elementary or middle school as a key indicator of need, helping ensure that cost, access, and safe equipment are never financial barriers to participation.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	880,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	880,000

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)	880,000	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	880,000	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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

NA

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	Registration fee support, matching youth athletic equipment purchase, travel assistance, small infrastructure upgrades. Water safety travel rental, water safety equipment supplies.	880,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		880,000

13. Program Performance

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



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CFY Pinellas supports over 15,000 youth from 7,000 families across Pinellas County, with a focus on students from Title 1 schools. The organization's goal is to remove obstacles to participation in youth athletics and water safety programs, ensuring every child can join a team in a safe and inclusive environment. CFY's strategy involves breaking down financial barriers related to access, safety, and transportation, particularly for children in Title 1 schools. Participation in youth athletics and water safety programs can transform young lives, build character, foster resilience, and strengthen communities. Despite these benefits, many children in Pinellas County still lack access to these essential programs.

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

CFY is dedicated to providing equal access for all by empowering under-resourced organizations and teams throughout the county, allowing every child the chance to play, participate, and thrive. Since 2021, CFY has expanded its supported program network from 11 to 50 and currently covers 13 different types of sports, ensuring a wide variety of opportunities for young athletes across the county.

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

To remove obstacles to participation in youth athletics and water safety programs in Pinellas County, ensuring every child can join a team in a safe and inclusive environment. CFY's strategy involves breaking down financial barriers related to access, safety, and transportation, particularly for children in Title 1 schools.

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

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

Participation in youth athletics and water safety programs transform young lives, build character, foster resilience, and strengthen communities. Despite these benefits, many children in Pinellas County still lack access to these essential programs. CFY is dedicated to providing equal access for all by empowering under-resourced organizations and teams throughout the county, allowing every child the chance to play, participate, and thrive.

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?

CFY Pinellas contracts with the agencies to be responsible for their deliverables as it relates to registration fee support. All other expenditures are reimbursed after proper documentation has been provided assuring that the intended use has been achieved.

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



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☐ 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

☐ Other (please specify)



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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.