



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1918

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Neighborhood Lakes Gateway Center will serve as a dynamic entry point to the regional trail system at the convergence of Orange, Seminole, and Lake counties. This funding request is for the design, engineering and permitting for the new facility and will feature a full-service library, meeting spaces, bicycle concession, nature center & museum, restrooms, staff offices, and outdoor spaces surrounded by native landscaping that blends the facility into the conservation area that surrounds it.

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	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	400,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	800,000	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?

02/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

02/01/2028

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

Discretionary Infrastructure Sales Tax

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.

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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	Design, Engineering and permitting.	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

13. Program Performance

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

The design, engineering and permitting for the new facility.

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

The Neighborhood Lakes Gateway Center will serve as a dynamic entry point to the regional trail system at the convergence of Orange, Seminole, and Lake counties.

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



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

Residents, local community and visitors will be served by this facility and is expected to serve in excess of 800 people.

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 improve the quality of life for participants and improve trail conne4ctivity at the convergence of Orange, Seminole and Lake counties. Designed as a joint initiative between Lake County parks and the County Library System, the new facility will feature a full-service library, community gather spaces, meeting rooms, concessions, and a bicycle repair shop. This will be measured through monitoring scheduled events, library usage, retail sales, in addition to data collected from counters.

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?

Lake County Office of Procurement Services in coordination with the Facilities Management contracting officer will include the appropriate penalties (financial penalties including bond forfeiture) to ensure quality.

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)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received



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☐ 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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