



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1940

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Florida's Boys & Girls Clubs are a vital partner in advancing the Department of Juvenile Justice's prevention priorities. This initiative engages at-risk youth in structured, evidence-informed programs that reduce gang involvement, substance misuse, and justice system contact. With over 345 Club sites, including nine on military installations, these programs build resilience, decision-making, and resistance skills through mentoring and positive peer interaction. Program effectiveness will be tracked through youth attendance, service referrals, and DJJ's Comprehensive Accountability Report (CAR), ensuring transparency and measurable impact across Florida.

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	5,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	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	5,000,000	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		
2025-26	1,000,000	4,000,000	1118	No

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.**



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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.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits for the Alliance's Executive Director	63,674
Other Salary and Benefits	Other salary and benefits for the organization's staff members.	132,780
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services for data clerks, and to conduct a comprehensive ROI study of the program	62,546
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	For 34 Boys & Girls organizations: Full and part-time program staff to be located in as many as 347 program sites, as well as any related program expenses.	4,700,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other funds will be used to support the implementation and strengthening of a high-quality program by providing direct services to the 347 Club sites throughout Florida through program compliance, management, training, technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation of the Boys & Girls Clubs; Equipment / supplies will be used solely for program purposes.	21,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services with fiscal agency to provide services such as (but not limited) to payroll, funds disbursements, and HR support to the Florida Alliance; and Contracted services with professional organization to provide professional development and training to Alliance Staff and Club staff.	20,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000



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13. Program Performance

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

The Positive Youth Development program goals are to promote positive peer interaction, enhance resilience, improve problem-solving and decision-making, raise awareness and resistance skills, and build confidence and knowledge. Ultimately, the goal is to provide young individuals with the tools and support they need to lead healthy, productive lives and resist negative influences such as gangs and substance abuse.

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

Boys & Girls Clubs will deliver SMART (Skills Mastery and Resilience Training) suite of targeted programs twice weekly to students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. These sessions build essential life skills resilience, decision-making, and problem-solving, through age-appropriate lessons and interactive discussions. Mentoring fosters positive peer relationships, while guided conversations help youth develop awareness and resistance strategies by sharing experiences and learning from one another.

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

Qualified staff will deliver prevention programs to Florida youth from low-income families during out of school time. Services include supervised enrichment activities in safe, supportive environments; mentoring and relationship-building with trusted adults; and structured opportunities that promote healthy decision-making, personal growth, and resilience. Programming is designed to reduce risky behaviors such as substance use, bullying, and unsafe choices through consistent engagement and positive peer interaction.

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

Florida at-risk youth in grades kindergarten through twelfth-grade attending the state's Boys & Girls Clubs during out-of-school time; their families; and the surrounding communities. The program will provide at least 277,000 filled program slots.

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

The requested funds will strengthen Florida's Department of Juvenile Justice Prevention programs by supporting initiatives that reduce youth involvement in the justice system and promote long-term well-being. These investments will improve health and educational outcomes, reduce substance abuse and recidivism, and enhance public safety. They will also foster economic opportunity, job creation, and individual self-sufficiency for at-risk youth and their families. Program effectiveness will be measured through youth attendance, referral rates, and DJJ's Comprehensive Accountability Report (CAR), ensuring transparency and impact across prevention efforts.

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?

A complete Corrective Action Plan set by the Department of Juvenile Justice, and a reduction of funds.

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.