



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1964

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Belle Glade is seeking support to enhance and harden the Lake Shore Multi-Use Complex, a key municipal rec. facility serving our residents and neighboring communities. This project aims to improve the complex, which includes an outdoor swimming pool, a venue for community events, and educational/exercise building. We believe these enhancements will significantly benefit the local population while protecting this critical municipal asset against storms and other environmental threats. These enhancements are crucial to ensure the continued safety, accessibility, and usability of the complex for all patrons.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	495,206	20%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	2,495,206	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	0	2,000,000	1555	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2027

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

City fund

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	The City's formal request for funding is for the construction of proposed improvements to the Lake Shore Multi-Use Complex. The complex includes an outdoor swimming pool and an existing 1,900-SF building housing essential facilities such as an office, bathrooms, chemical storage, a lifeguard lounge, and pool equipment rooms.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The City of Belle Glade is requesting support for a much needed hardening shelter and community center that helps serve all residents of the Glades. Our objective is to enhance the complex to ensure its continued safety, accessibility, and usability for all patrons. These improvements will significantly benefit the health and well-being of our community by providing a safe and modern recreational environment.

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

The proposed programs are designed to serve a diverse demographic, ranging from youth to senior citizens, and will include after-school and summer programs, water aerobics, swimming lessons, exercise and lap swimming. The facility will also function as a cooling center during periods of high temperatures, benefiting residents of Belle Glade and neighboring communities such as Pahokee, South Bay, Lake Harbor, Clewiston, and Canal Point.

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

The Lake Shore Complex will offer a variety of programs, including after-school and summer programs, water aerobics, swimming lessons, exercise/lap swimming, and cooling-off activities, catering to all ages and community members in the western region of Palm Beach County. As the only facility of its kind in the area, it will be accessible via public transportation to residents of Pahokee, South Bay, and surrounding communities, as well as city residents.

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

Target population is the City of Belle Glade, which is a financially disadvantaged municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.) that's located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes). The number of individuals expected to be served include the visitors (surrounding communities), residents and businesses of the City of Belle Glade, which exceeds 17,000.

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

The proposed facility will offer a cooling center for residents during periods of high temperatures. Additionally, it will provide educational resources such as swimming, water safety, and CPR classes, alongside aerobic activities like water aerobics and lap swimming, catering to all age groups. The number of participants enrolled in programs and events, as well as facility sign-in sheets, will be used to measure the population served.

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?

Non-payment of invoices until milestones achieved; implementing of corrective action plan if applicable.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☒ Yes

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):

Project will mitigate impacts as a result of future environmental hazards and natural disasters such as hurricanes and flooding.

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☒ No



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☐ 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)

d. First Name Last Name



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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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