



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3215

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

4. Project/Program Description

First Tee of Tallahassee, established in 2021, intends to expand its youth service and violence prevention programs for Leon and surrounding counties by purchasing land and building (or modifying an existing structure) to establish north Florida's first Youth Learning Center. The facility will include an indoor, dedicated learning space. The learning space will house classrooms enabling collaboration with other non profits, educational remediation services, after school programs, and vocational skills training for workforce development. The outdoor facility will expose at-risk youth to the game of golf, most of whom would not have exposure to this lifelong game, providing a recreational and athletic activity for youth to grow both as golfers and as productive members of the community.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	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 2024-2025	1,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future 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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10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

13. 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: Other		
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	Land purchase, site plans, permitting, and engineering.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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First Tee of Tallahassee is committed to providing programs that build character and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf, and a national curriculum has evolved to increase impact, relevancy, and scale. The curriculum is centered around First Tee's Commitment to Being a Game Changer®. The five Key Commitments (pursuing goals, growing through challenge, collaborating with others, building a positive self-identity, and using good judgment) are the life skills participants will adopt. Funding of a Youth Learning Center will provide youth a facility in which to learn the life skills of golf along with improving academics, reducing the likelihood of engaging in risky behaviors, and achieving their full potential.

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

Funds granted to establish north Florida's only Youth Learning Center will provide youth with a safe place to engage in relationship building, interact with mentors and peers, pursue academic achievements, and learn the game of golf. The facility will be utilized as an after-school program location as well as a location for summer camps. The programs align with national physical education standards developed by the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) and integrate life skills and values with the game of golf and motor skills. Social and emotional learning objectives are developmentally appropriate and teach all youth self-management skills, interpersonal skills, goal setting skills, and resiliency skills.

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

Leon and surrounding counties have experienced an increase in youth violence, particularly gun violence, in recent years since the pandemic. Research shows that after school programs, such as First Tee, have more potential for juvenile crime reduction than many other violence prevention initiatives, such as juvenile curfews. OJJDP National Report Series (1999) suggests communities should consider initiating or expanding recreational, sports, employment, mentoring, tutoring, arts, and homework programs as positive alternatives to unsupervised time in a youth's day. First Tee of Tallahassee's Youth Learning Center will provide a youth violence intervention service, improving the lives of participants and citizens.

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

Research shows children who participate in extracurricular activities have higher levels of well-being and confidence and are less likely to be involved in mischievous behaviors. However, those at most risk, children of low-income families and minority populations, are often not able to afford extracurricular activities or athletic involvement in sports such as golf. The target population for the Youth Learning Center is school age youth 6-16, boys and girls, from low-income families. This program is embedded in Title I schools and while enrollment is open to all youth, it is anticipated youth will come from Title I schools. The program anticipates serving 100 youth in the after-school program and 300 in summer youth camps during the first year.

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

First Tee data is measured and reported including program participation, program delivery, financial performance, network involvement, and board governance. Youth attitudes are recorded and measured for improvement on an annual basis. First Tee organizations pride themselves on setting, achieving, and reporting measurable goals.

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 the contract?

Reimbursement funding could be halted for failure to meet deliverables

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number