



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1570

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

In 2020, Columbia County had purchased 500 acres of land for a flat fields facility. This appropriations request will match the \$3 million in reserves to begin construction of infrastructure such as roads and utilities and the start of construction of flat fields for soccer in the park. The park is set to be a regional hub for tournaments that will provide recreation for local residents, but will also increase economic output in North Central Florida. Part of the 500 acres will also be used for conservation and other recreation uses.

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	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

**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)	3,000,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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.

Columbia County received \$2,000,000 in CARES Act Funding that was allocated towards the NFMIP WWTP to shore up an existing grant. \$13.9 million of ARPA money was divided up as follows: \$6.2 million for Fort White water projects, \$4 million for the NFMIP WWTP, 1.7 million in business assistance, 679k for individual assistance, and \$1 million for emergency home repair. An additional \$729,853 came from the LCTPA portion of funding that was used to purchase a building for additional county offices.

## 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

December 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 2025

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.

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### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The \$3,000,000 request will include road construction into the park, a road, flat fields, lighting, parking, and utilities into the park.	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Construction of a new multi-purpose sports complex to provide opportunity and experience for local athletes. The facility will also boost the local economy due to tournament hosting.

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

Engineering, construction, and permitting of the infrastructure and facility.

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

Recreational and sports services that will be provided to local residents and visitors.

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

General population/School age children of all ages.

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

The success of the flat fields will be measured by economic output, number of visitors from out of state, and the usage of the facilities. Other measurements can include youth health data and number of children using the facility.

**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?**

Remittance of funds back to the state.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. 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**



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f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number