



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3121

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

4. Project/Program Description

YMCA of SWFL specializes in early learning & youth/community development & will expand its services into Arcadia (Desoto County). Increasing early learning & youth/community development programs in Arcadia will provide year-round care resources for families, support the workforce, help early learners academically/developmentally, help curb summer learning loss, provide safe and healthy activities for all youth, & help address food insecurity. This project consists of the renovation and construction of the Speer Center in Arcadia, Florida (Desoto County), becoming a YMCA of Southwest Florida Early Learning Academy (primary purpose) with additional programs that include Youth Summer Camp, Youth Sports, Teen activities, Before and After School Care, Food Distribution, Healthy Living Classes, and Community gatherings.

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	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	16%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	500,000	26%
Local	500,000	26%
Other	600,000	32%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,900,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	500,000	105	No

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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Yes

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

The YMCA of SWFL received \$4.2 million for PPP and \$1.5 million for ERTC.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Spring 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Fall 2024

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.

The City of Arcadia owns the Speer Center and is contracting with the YMCA of SWFL to help renovate and operate our programs described above at this facility.

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	All funds to be used for the renovation and construction of the Speer Center in Arcadia, Florida (Desoto County) to be a YMCA of Southwest Florida Early Learning Academy (primary purpose) and facility to provide additional programs that include Youth Summer Camp, Youth Sports, Before and After School Care, Food Distribution, and Community gatherings.	300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

The Y is committed to serving families by fostering a positive learning experience that allows children to thrive and families to have access to quality-affordable care and programs. The Y's goal is to educate children, so they become confident, socially responsible, and prepared to excel in their futures from kindergarten into adulthood.

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

Direct services include childcare, educational instruction, food program, enrichment activities, scholarships assistance, family engagement, community gatherings, youth sports, teen activities, summer camp, before and after school care, and healthy living classes.

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

YMCA of Southwest Florida's Early Learning program serves early learning six weeks to five years old. This facility will also provide programs that reach seniors, community members struggling with food insecurity, families, and youth 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?

Positive outcomes include students (90%) meeting or exceeding expectation in literacy and math as well as developmental milestones including communication skills, fine and gross motor, social-emotional development, and problem solving. Reducing food insecurity for low-income families and educating all community members about healthy living. Curbing the summer learning loss for at-risk students. Reducing childhood obesity through youth sports and other healthy living activities. Bringing the community together. Helping the workforce with before and after school care and early learning academy. Providing a safe, healthy, learning environment for all youth. Providing a welcoming place for seniors. Our Y will work with the City of Arcadia and the Speer Center participants through regular surveys and testing to ensure these outcomes.

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?

All funds not used for the deliverables and performance measures set forth in the contract shall be returned 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



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- 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