

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: STARS Complex Expansion - Fort Myers
2. Date of Submission: 11/14/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Ray Rodrigues
Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2018-19
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					13,500,000	13,500,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Economic Opportunity
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No
 - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.
City would forfeit funds and repay the state.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Stephanie Schaffer
- b. Organization: City of Fort Myers
- c. Email: sschaffer@cityftmyers.com
- d. Phone #: (239)321-7157

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

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- b. Organization: City of Fort Myers
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- d. Phone #: (239)321-7157

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Robert Stuart
- b. Firm: Gray Robinson
- c. Email: robert.stuart@gray-robinson.com
- d. Phone #: (321)217-6207

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: City of Fort Myers
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Lee
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Lee

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

Expansion of the STARS Complex with a 25,000 sq ft building to meet the recreational, educational, community and emergency needs of its citizens and at-risk youth population.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Hardening of the existing STARS Complex and construction of a new 2,500 square foot building for use as a Community Center and Emergency Shelter for Category 3 storms and above.	13,500,000
TOTAL		13,500,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category "h. Fixed Capital Outlay" was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

For Profit

Non Profit 501(c) (3)

Non Profit 501(c) (4)

Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)

State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)

Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

Adopted as part of the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan which has a preliminary and final public hearing each year in September.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

There is a draft STARS master plan being currently being updated by an outside consultant to the city. There are no hurricane shelters in the City of Fort Myers, therefore the city has identified the STARS complex for hardening to serve as a hurricane shelter to the specific demographic area where the facility is located.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

The project will increase recreational activities and provide access to an emergency shelter in the event of disaster in an economically challenged community. This will be the only shelter within the City of Fort Myers limits for category 3 storms and above.

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Athletic programming, tutoring and mentorship of at-risk youth, including 6-10 additional recreational and educational programs, more space for new teen program, 4 senior programs, community multipurpose space, and access to an emergency shelter within City limits and in a previously underserved area.

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Residents will have access to athletic facilities including a gym, fitness studio, recreation fields, basketball courts and aquatic facilities.	Increase in the number of visitors and program participants to STARS complex.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Residents will have access to athletic facilities including a gym, fitness studio, recreation fields, basketball courts and aquatic facilities. Youth will have programming on positive activities for mental and physical health.	Increase in the number of visitors and program participants to STARS complex.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Before and after school programs will be offered (including tutoring), in addition to a teen program that will offer tutoring and mentorship.	Increase in the academic success of students measured by grade improvements and graduation rate improvements.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	STARS gives youth a place to engage in positive, character building opportunities and tutoring/mentorship opportunities in this at-risk community.	Decrease in youth-perpetrated crime statistics reported by FMPD; decrease in number of FMPD calls

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	New anchor/destination point for community can be a catalyst for economic activity and neighborhood development	Increase in number of business tax receipts issued in Dunbar area
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	STARS career development offerings will provide multiple paths to self sufficiency: life skills, vocational career education, career fairs and college tour opportunities	Increase number of vocational opportunities, career fairs and college tours presented through STARS programming
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism	Keeping at-risk youth engaged in before and after school programs and in enrichment camps and summer camps	Decrease in number of crime incidents, decrease in school dropouts, evaluate number of juvenile system cases
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse	Increased participation in sports and other physical activities	Decrease in number of crime incidents, decrease in school dropouts, evaluate number of juvenile system cases
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	Keeping at-risk youth engaged in before and after school programs and in enrichment camps and summer camps	Decrease in number of crime incidents, decrease in school dropouts, evaluate number of juvenile system cases
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	13,500,000	42.9%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	13,500,000	42.9%	Yes
4. Local:	4,500,000	14.3%	Yes
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	31,500,000	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No