

Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Nathan Benderson Park
2. Date of Submission: 12/15/2015
3. House Member Sponsor(s): W. Steube

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
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2013-14
- 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 (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:					0	11,000,000	11,000,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:

5. Requester:

- a. Name: Senator Michael Bennett
- b. Organization: The Nathan Benderson Community Park Foundation

- c. Email: hawkharbor@gmail.com
- d. Phone #: (941)741-3823

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Funds would be held by Sarasota County
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Sarasota
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Sarasota

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

Nathan Benderson Park (NBP) is a very active 600-acre public park that offers the community activities such as non-motorized boating, fishing, bird-watching, and trails for jogging, walking and related activities.

In addition to recreation activities, the world-class venue offers opportunities for community rowing (youth, adults and seniors), adaptive rowing (disabled veterans, youth/adults with mental and physical disabilities), corporate events, training and practice for junior and collegiate crews, and state, regional, local, and international events. College teams from Harvard, Yale, Columbia and the University of Michigan women's team have utilized the park and area for training.

Ground was broken in August 2015, on the \$5 million Finish Tower, funded through private donations to the Nathan Benderson Community Park Foundation. Future improvements will include a multi-use boathouse complex for the 2017 World Rowing Championships. More importantly, the boathouse could provide economic sustainability for the park through events and rental fees.

The foundation is requesting up to \$11 million in state support to match \$11 million it is raising privately. The facility is uniquely beneficial to the State of Florida from an economic development standpoint, as well as tourist destination.

- Finishing Tower \$5.5 million
- Boathouse Complex \$9.5 million
- Covered Spectator Area \$3.5 million
- Hardscape / Landscape /Other \$3.5 million

Total \$22 million

(50% (\$11 million) Private Charitable Contributions and 50% (\$11 million) State Appropriation)

It is anticipated that the funds would be held by Sarasota County Government and distributed pursuant to appropriate and standard practices and controls.

Important Fast Facts:

NBP hosted about 40 major events in Fiscal Year 2015 and nearly 100 since the park opened.

More than 18,000 participants and 35,000 spectators came to the park in FY15.

NBP baseline economic impact forecast for 2014-2020: \$236 million

Projected economic impact for FY15:\$11.5 million.

Actual economic impact for FY15:\$26.8 million (+134 percent)

Upcoming major events:

US Rowing Olympic Trials- April 2016

Pentathlon World Cup Final- May 2016

World Rowing Championships- September 2017

NCAA Women's Masters Rowing Division I, II & III National Championships - May 2018

The capital improvements are necessary for two reasons:

1.To provide the necessary facilities to create the only world class rowing venue in the United States. Nathan Benderson Park has already won the 2016 Olympic Time Trials, the 2017 World Rowing Championships and the 2018 Masters Rowing Championships. Adding the Boathouse Complex will ensure these events are the first in a long line of major events that Florida will have the opportunity to host. Very conservative future projections foresee at least 87 events in 2020, with total athletes/participants and spectators for that and subsequent years in excess of 400,000 annually. The actual number of events could prove to be considerably higher. As a means of comparison, the venue in Penrith, Australia- very similar in physical dimensions to the NBP venue- has over 300 events on its annual calendar.

2.To provide the facilities which will transition Nathan Benderson Park to become self sustaining. The new facilities will allow NBP to host many rowing and non-rowing events, taking full advantage of its Southwest Florida coastal location. The 600-acre park, with its many opportunities for passive recreation, is also uniquely located near Siesta Key Beach, a nationally-recognized tourist attraction and more than 50,000 acres of natural preserves. The park is also adjacent to the upscale University Town Center Mall, the newest indoor mall in the United States, within walking distance of award winning restaurants and new hotels and

easily accessed via Interstate 75. These attributes will make the beautiful park particularly attractive for corporate and private events at the Boathouse complex, providing opportunities for participants to enjoy the serenity of the natural setting and take advantage of team-building activities. Meanwhile, family members can experience the numerous other opportunities nearby, whether it is a day at the beach, hiking the preserve trails, or a day at the Ringling Museum or shopping at the mall. Nathan Benderson Park can be the nation's World Class Rowing venue and bring national and international events to the State while also providing a unique conference and private event setting to help offset operating costs.

The citizens and families of the state of Florida as well as Sarasota and Manatee County will be able to view and participate in the many and varied formal park activities, and have access to a large, unique, expansive and beautiful park to come to, relax in, and enjoy.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 0

State: 0 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 0

Other: 11,000,000

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

No