

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Department: Tourist Development

Meeting Date: 10/1/2026

BUDGETED

1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Grant agreement for the Florida Sports Foundation Event Grant in the amount of \$3,000.

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve Florida Sports Foundation Grant Agreement

3. Fiscal impact on current budget:

This item is currently budgeted. The account number to be charged is 107-5290-552.31-48

FLORIDA SPORTS FOUNDATION
Grant Program
Grant Agreement

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT is entered into on September 17, 2026, by and between the Florida Sports Foundation, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the Grantor”) and Columbia County Sports Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Grantee”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Legislature has mandated, in Section 288.1229 of the Florida Statutes, that the Grantor shall assist the Department of Commerce in (i) the promotion and development of the sports industry and related industries for the purpose of improving the economic presence of these industries in Florida, (ii) the promotion of amateur athletic participation for the citizens of Florida and the promotion of Florida as a host for national and international amateur athletic competitions for the purpose of encouraging and increasing the direct and ancillary economic benefits of amateur athletic events and competitions and (iii) the retention of professional sports franchises, including the spring training operations of Major League Baseball; and the Grantor is empowered by the State of Florida to make grants of funds in accordance with such purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Grantor has approved an appropriation for such grant in furtherance of such purposes, subject to certain terms and conditions.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings and agreements hereinafter set forth, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor and the Grantee agree as follows:

COVENANTS

1.0 RECITALS.

The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

2.0 PARTIES:

The parties and their respective addresses for the purposes of this Grant Agreement are:

Florida Sports Foundation
1203 Governors Square Blvd
Suite 300
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Columbia County Sports Commission
Attn.: Christopher Coleman
971 W. Duval Street
Ste 145
Lake City, Florida 32055

3.0 NOTICES:

All notices between the parties, provided for herein, shall be by confirmed email, confirmed FedEx or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to the address of the parties as set forth in section 1.0 above.

4.0 GRANT DESCRIPTION:

The Grantee will expend grant funds in accordance with section 7.0(a) below. Funds made available by the Grantor pursuant to this Grant Agreement shall be expended solely for the purpose of the project and the legislatively appropriated purpose described in Exhibit A to this Grant Agreement.

- (a) Grantee: **Columbia County Sports Commission**
- (b) Payee: **Columbia County Sports Commission**
- (c) Name/Date of Event:

2026 SCL USA Florida (Strongman CL), October 10, 2026 to October 10, 2026 (the "Event")
- (d) Total Amount of Grant: **\$ 3,000**
- (e) Projected Budget: **As provided in Grant Application.**
- (f) Reporting Schedule: **January 08, 2027**
Grantee shall submit final report and request for reimbursement within ninety (90) days of the last day of the Event.
- (g) Grant Period: **September 17, 2026 to January 08, 2027**

5.0 GRANT REQUIREMENTS:

(a) Audit: Grantee will complete a post event report, an accounting of the events financial activity, and proper use of funds, within ninety (90) days after the Event and provide documentation evidencing the direct impact of the Event. The Grantee agrees to comply with the audit requirement of Sections 215.97, Florida Statutes, and all applicable Rules of the Auditor General as referenced in Exhibit A. Grantee further agrees to provide any such information to Grantor as may be requested from time to time.

(b) Records: Grantee shall retain and maintain all records, including records of all payments made by the Grantee in connection with this Grant Agreement, and make available and provide access for financial audit as may be requested by the Grantor, the Grantor's independent auditor, by the state personnel of the Office of the Florida Auditor General, Chief Financial Officer and Office of the Chief Inspector General or any such other competent authority. Records shall include books, records, documents and other evidence, including, but not limited to, vouchers, bills, invoices, requests for payment, and other supporting documentation, which, according to generally accepted governmental accounting principles, procedures and practices, sufficiently and properly reflect all program costs expended in the performance of this Grant Agreement. Such records shall be retained for a minimum period of five (5) state fiscal years after all reporting requirements are satisfied, or such longer period as may otherwise be required by applicable law.

(c) Cancellation: Grantee shall notify the Grantor immediately if the Event is canceled and the Grantee shall return any funds dispersed pursuant to this Grant Agreement within seven (7) days of such cancellation.

(d) Insurance: Grantee shall, within 15 days of execution provide proof of insurance listing the Grantor as an additional insured for all purposes, with minimum liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. If Grantee is a government entity, agency or subdivision pursuant to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and/or a self-insurer pursuant to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and does not otherwise provide proof of its own insurance listing Grantor as an additional insured for all purposes, with minimum liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, Grantee, notwithstanding its compliance with any requirements imposed by said statute, shall ensure that any third-party recipient of said Grant Funds list Grantor as an additional insured for all purposes, with minimum liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Grantee shall provide said proof of insurance listing Grantor as an additional insured for all purposes, with minimum liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, as a condition precedent to Grantee's receipt of said Grant funds.

(e) Indemnification: Grantee shall act as an independent contractor and not as an employee of the Grantor in the performance of the tasks and duties, which are the subject of this Grant Agreement. The Grantee shall be liable, and agrees to be liable for, and to the extent allowed by law, shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Grantor, the State of Florida, and its employees and agents, harmless from all liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented inventions, process or articles manufactured by the Grantee, as well as all claims, suits, judgments, or damages arising from the Grantee's performance of the tasks and duties which are the subject of this Grant Agreement. If Grantee is a government entity, the Grantee is subject to the provisions and limitations of section 768.28 Florida Statute, and agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Grantor from and against claims, demands, causes of action, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including attorney's fees) caused as a result of the negligent acts of the government entity or its employees. The Grantee shall include the above indemnification requirements in all subcontracts (if such subcontracts are otherwise permitted by this Grant Agreement) and ensure all resulting contracts therefrom also include the above indemnification requirements.

(f) Publicity: The Grantee shall not, in each instance, without the prior written consent of the Grantor or the State of Florida as may be required for any State of Florida mark, use in advertising, publicity or any other promotional endeavor any Grantor or State of Florida mark, the name of the Grantor or State of Florida's mark, the name of the Grantor or the State of Florida, or any State of Florida agency or affiliate or any officer or employee of the State of Florida, or any Grantor or State of Florida program or service, or represent, directly or indirectly, that any product or service provided by the Grantee has been approved or endorsed by the Grantor or State of Florida, or refer to the existence of this Grant Agreement in press releases, advertising or materials distributed to the Grantee's prospective customers.

6.0 **TERMINATION:**

(a) Breach: Upon twenty-four (24) hours written notice, this Grant Agreement may be terminated by the Grantor for breach upon failure of the Grantee to fulfil any requirement or provisions of this Grant Agreement. If Grantor determines that a breach of any provision of this Grant Agreement has occurred, Grantor has the right to withhold any undisbursed portion of the Award.

(b) Refusal to Grant Public Access: This Agreement may be terminated by the Grantor for refusal by the Grantee to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and Section 287.058, Florida Statutes, as applicable, and made or received by the Grantee in conjunction with this Agreement.

(c) Unauthorized Aliens: Grantor will consider the employment of unauthorized aliens, by any contractor or subcontractor, as described by Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationalization

Act, cause for termination of this Agreement. Grantee shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify, in accordance with the terms governing the use of the system, to verify the employment eligibility of:

- (i) All persons employed during the contract term by the contractor to perform employment duties within Florida; and
- (ii) All persons (including subcontractors) assigned by Grantee to perform work pursuant to this Grant Agreement.

7.0 PAYMENTS:

(a) Transfer of Funds. Funds will be made available by the Grantor to the Grantee, as a reimbursement for paid invoices, which are supported by canceled checks dated within the grant period, upon receipt and review of a completed Post Event Report. Only those items identified as allowable below will be reimbursed. The following summarizes the allowable/disallowable expenses that may be used for reimbursement.

Allowable Expenses:

- 1. Promotion, marketing & programming
- 2. Paid advertising & media buys
- 3. Production & technical expenses; officials
- 4. Site fees, venue rentals, costs (contract help)
- 5. Rentals, insurance, rights fees, bid fees, sanction fees, non-monetary awards

Disallowable Expenses:

- 1. General and administrative expenses
- 2. Building, renovating and/or remodeling
- 3. Permanent equipment purchases
- 4. Debts incurred prior to the grant
- 5. Programs which solicit advertising
- 6. Hospitality or social functions including meals or banquets
- 7. Travel expenses

(b) Availability of Funds. The Grantor's liability under this Grant Agreement is contingent upon the continued availability of an annual appropriation by the Legislature of the State of Florida or such other funding source used by Grantor to fund the Grant. In the event this Grant Agreement extends beyond the Grantor's current fiscal year that begins on July 1 of each year and ends on June 30 of each succeeding year, the Grantor and the Grantee mutually agree that performance and payment during subsequent fiscal periods is contingent upon sufficient funds being appropriated by the State of Florida or such other funding source used by Grantor to fund the Grant. The Grantor shall be the final determiner of the availability of such funds. In the event of a state revenue shortfall, the total funding may be reduced accordingly.

8.0 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

(a) With respect to its interpretation, construction, effect, performance, enforcement, and all other matters, this Grant Agreement shall be governed by, and be consistent with, the whole law of the State of Florida, both procedural and substantive, without giving effect to principles of conflicts of laws. Any and all litigation arising under this Grant Agreement shall be brought in the appropriate State of Florida court in Leon County, Florida. Grantee agrees to, consents to, and/or hereby waives any objection to personal jurisdiction over Grantee by such court.

(b) Grantee agrees to comply with any and all applicable federal, state, local laws, rules, and regulations applicable to expenditures of State or Federal funds that are in effect at the time of any such expenditure, and as related to the execution of this Grant Agreement.

9.0 MODIFICATION:

This writing and any Attachments herein, contains the entire agreement of the parties as to the matters raised in this Grant Agreement. No representations were made or relied upon by either party, other than those that are expressly set forth in this Grant Agreement. No agent, employee, or other representative of either party is empowered to alter any of the terms of this Grant Agreement, unless done in writing and signed by an executive officer of the Grantee and designee for the Grantor.

10.0 MISCELLANEOUS:

(a) The Grantor is not bound by any agreements to indemnify or hold harmless, nor responsible for liquidated damages or cancellation charges to Grantee or any of its agents or subcontractors.

(b) No provision of this Grant Agreement shall be construed as a waiver by the Grantor of any right, defense or claim, that the Grantor may have in any litigation arising under the Grant Agreement. Nor shall any Grant Agreement provision be construed as a waiver by the Grantor or State of Florida, and its employees and agents, of any right to initiate litigation.

(c) The Grantee affirms that it is aware of, and will strictly comply with, the Grantor's Grant Program Policies & Procedures in place and effective throughout the term of this Grant Agreement.

(d) If any provision of this Grant Agreement shall be held to be unenforceable, such unenforceability shall have no effect on the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Grant Agreement.

11.0 VENDORS ON SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES LISTS:

By executing this Grant Agreement, the Grantee certifies that it is not: (1) listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, (2) engaged in a boycott of Israel, (3) listed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to section 215.473, Florida Statutes, or (4) engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Pursuant to section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, the Grantor may immediately terminate this Grant Agreement for cause if the Grantee is found to have submitted a false certification as to the above or if the Grantee is placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, is engaged in a boycott of Israel, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, during the term of this Grant Agreement. If the Grantor determines that the Grantee has submitted a false certification, Grantor will provide written notice to the Grantee. Unless the Grantee demonstrates in writing, within 90 calendar days of receipt of the notice, that Grantor's determination of false certification was made in error, Grantor shall bring a civil action against the Grantee. If the Grantor's determination is upheld, a civil penalty equal to the greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of this Grant Agreement shall be imposed on the Grantee, and the Grantee will be ineligible to bid on any Agreement with a Florida agency or local governmental entity for three years after the date of Grantor's determination of false certification by Grantor. If federal law ceases to authorize the states to adopt and enforce the contracting prohibition identified in Article 37, this Article 37 shall be null and void.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused their hand to be set by their respective authorized officials hereto.

For: Florida Sports Foundation

For: Columbia County Sports Commission

Maicel Green, President & CEO

Authorized Signature

Date

Date

FLORIDA SPORTS FOUNDATION

Attachment A

THIS IS A STATE FUNDED AWARD

1. The Grantor hereby indicates that state financial assistance is used to fund this Agreement, awarded through the Department of Commerce by an agreement, for the following project and fiscal year.
2. Project:

FLORIDA SPORTS FOUNDATION Funding FY 2026-2027		
Line Item	Title	Fund
2407	Grants and Aids – FLORIDA SPORTS FOUNDATION	State Economic Enhancement and Development (SEED) TF
2407	Grants and Aids – FLORIDA SPORTS FOUNDATION	Professional Sports Development TF

Catalog of State Financial Assistance

Standard state project number identifier: **40.040**

1. In connection with the audit requirements addressed herein, the Grantee shall ensure that the audit complies with the requirements of Section 215.97(8), Florida Statutes. This includes submission of a financial reporting package as defined by Section 215.97(2), Florida Statutes, and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General. The Auditor General's website, (<https://flauditor.gov/>) provides information on all rules.
2. Additional information regarding the Florida Single Audit Act can be found at: <https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/statutes.aspx>

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