

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2584

1. Project Title	The Bay Park - Sarasota, FL Environmental & Resiliency	
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2. Senate Sponsor Joe Gruters

3. Date of Request 02/17/2023

4. Project/Program Description

The Bay Park Master Plan was developed over a 12-month process in 2017/2018 that included over 60 public workshops and meetings, as well as receipt of over 7,500 written on-line surveys from the community. The Bay Park Master Plan was approved on September 6, 2018 by the City of Sarasota. The land will continue to be owned by the City of Sarasota, with the design, implementation and operation performed on behalf of the City by The Bay Park Conservancy, Inc. Phase 2 of The Bay park will provide passive and active recreation opportunities and access to the community events for people of all ages, incomes and ethnicities. The funds requested will match funds provided from multiple public and private sources for Phase 2, with an emphasis on environmental resiliency.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

No

Type of Funding	Amount	
Operations	0	
Fixed Capital Outlay	250,000	
Total State Funds Requested	250,000	

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage	
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	-1%	
Matching Funds			
Federal	3,600,000	6%	
State (excluding the amount of this request)	12,100,000	19%	
Local	48,000,000	74%	
Other	1,050,000	2%	
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	65,000,000	100%	

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

	Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed
(уууу-уу)		Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	
9.	Is future funding li	kely to be requeste	ed?	Yes	
a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.		nt per year.	250,000		
b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.					

Private philanthropy.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



Yes

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

\$31,013 used for staff salaries.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

OPlanning ODesign OConstruction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?	No	
c. What is the estimated start date of construction?	1/01/24	
d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?	1/01/26	

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.

City of Sarasota owns all 53 acres and all assets. The Bay Park Conservancy (BPC) is the City's long-term partner through an executed Partnershp Agreement.

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/Majo	or Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Design and construction documents, permitting and construction to complete environmental improvements in Phase 2 of The Bay park.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (m	nust equal total from question #6)	250,000

14. Program Performance

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

Construction of Phase 2 (14 acres) of the 53-acre Bay park, with a specific focus on environmental and water quality improvements to mitigate for the 300 million + gallons per year of untreated stormwater from parking and US 41 that drains into the Sarasota Bay.



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

The funds will assist in the construction of Phase 2 of The Bay park, which will provide recreation opportunities, and access to community events, for people of all ages, incomes and ethnicities. The funding will be focused on water quality and the environment as noted above.

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

Passive and active recreation, programmed and education events, and other activities at a community park.

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

The target population to be served will be elderly persons, preschool, grade school, high school and university/college students, as well as families and users of all ages, ethnicities and incomes. Multiple thousands of individuals are expected to be served. Phase 1 currently averages 1,000+ attendees per day.

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

be measured?

Enhanced/improved environment and water quality as measured before/after the pretreatment of currently untreated storm water; existing water quality has been measured to create a "baseline", and regular water quality testing will measure post treatment to evaluate/verify biological success. Increased/improved economic activity and tourism as measured by before and after attendance at the park and out-of-state attendees and dollars spent, creation of specific immediate job opportunities as measured by actual jobs during the project construction, and jobs created by new events after the park opening.

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?

Withholding payment until satisfactory completion, as well as access to the required performance bond.

15. Requester Contact Information

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16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization The Bay Park Conservancy, Inc.

b. Municipality and County Sarasota

c. Organization Type

□For Profit Entity

☑Non Profit 501(c)(3)

□Non Profit 501(c)(4)

Local Entity

□University or College

□Other (please specify)



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