



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2494

**1. Project Title**

**2. Senate Sponsor**

**3. Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The funding requested will advance the Zoo's education priorities and resources contributed to communities with the addition of a support services building. The support services building is necessary to move the Zoo's education programs forward and support enhancements such as technology and expanded spaces for staff, teen volunteers, and interns. The Zoo's education programs are an important resource for many, and funding will increase our capacity to serve Central Florida communities. Funding will be used to design and construct a support service building to advance the Zoo's education priorities, thus allowing the Zoo to expand its programs and contribute more educational resources to Central Florida communities. The Zoo will increase its opportunities for public participation, including on-site and virtual programs, classes, and workshops, enabling students to experience conservation and science while gaining 21st-century skills for success in school, work, and life.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	225,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>225,000</b>

**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)	225,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>225,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding?**  No

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

**9. Is future funding likely to be requested?**  No

**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?

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

\$308,213.00 - Endangered Species COVID-19 Relief reimbursement. The reimbursement funds were awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and AZA for our conservation facility and its work caring for the Eastern Indigo Snake and Striped Newt during the pandemic.

## 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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Once we receive funding, we can start the process for construction. A date has not been determined.

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6-12 months from the start of construction.

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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Funding will be used to design and construct a support service building to advance the Zoo's education priorities, thus allowing the Zoo to expand its programs and contribute more educational resources to Central Florida communities.	225,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>225,000</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

The funding requested will advance the Zoo's education priorities and resources contributed to communities with the addition of a support services building. The support services building is necessary to move the Zoo's education programs forward and support enhancements such as technology and expanded spaces for staff, teen volunteers, and interns. The Zoo's education programs are an important resource for many, and funding will increase our capacity to serve Central Florida communities.

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

The addition of a support services building will advance the Zoo's ability to provide education programs offered, both on- and off-site to Orlando metropolitan area (Orange, Lake, Osceola, and Seminole Counties), as well as Volusia County. An increase in programs will have a significant impact on local and regional audiences and offer a diversity of opportunities for student learning.

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

The Zoo will increase its opportunities for public participation, including on-site and virtual programs, classes, and workshops, enabling students to experience conservation and science while gaining 21st-century skills for success in school, work, and life. Programs will range from free to fee-based offerings of professional development, after-school, field trips, summer and school break camps.

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

The Zoo serves over 400,000 visitors. Over 43,000 students participated in the Zoo's education programs last year. The Zoo serves five counties (Seminole, Orange, Volusia, Lake, and Osceola). The Zoo serves the following populations through our education programs: Economically disadvantaged persons, At-risk youth, Developmentally disabled, Physically disabled, Preschool students, Grade school students, High school students, and University/College students.

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

The expectation is to see an increase in educational opportunities for all audiences including age-appropriate curriculum programs, early childhood storytelling, homeschool, teen professional development, and adult events. Offsite work with area schools, community partners and visits from our "Zoo to You" mobile programs will extend our reach regionally. We will measure outcomes through school-based and non-school based attendance, Likert Scale-based and open comment teacher and student surveys; total free programs and admission provided to Title 1 schools; anecdotal feedback, and education staff reports.

**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?**

N/A

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**



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#### 16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

#### c. Organization Type

- 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