



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Marie Selby Botanical Gardens' Master Site Plan

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Greg Steube

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/20/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Design and construction of Phase I of a proposed new Master Site Plan for Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. Phase I includes a new Sky Garden Parking facility, a new Welcome Center to handle increased visitation, and a building to safely house Selby Gardens' irreplaceable preserved collections along with offices.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?  
Department of Economic Opportunity

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	2,500,000	2,500,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	3,625,000	59.2%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	3,625,000	59.2 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 6,125,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

e. Complete the following Worksheet.



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FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			
	Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)	
Input Amounts:				

**10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**

Yes

**a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.**

Unknown at this time

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Funds will be used towards design and construction of Phase I of Selby Gardens’ new Master Site Plan. The purpose of this project is two-fold: to move the world’s best scientifically documented collections of living and preserved epiphytic plants out of decaying, ground level buildings located in flood zones into secure, storm- and flood-resistant buildings that will protect these irreplaceable collections for future generations; and to provide much needed improvements to shore up Selby Gardens’ visitor amenities, which at present include extremely inadequate parking and guest handling capacity. Visitation at Selby Gardens has increased by more than 30% in the past two years, and the current facilities are woefully deficient for a world-renowned botanical garden and major visitor attraction. An additional purpose for these new facilities is to make the Gardens’ outstanding collections more accessible to the public by housing them in new structures designed for visibility.

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

In Phase I, Selby Gardens will construct three buildings: 1) A Sky Garden parking facility that will more than double the Gardens’ parking capacity but will also concentrate it at the most logical site for ingress and egress. The new entry also will facilitate safer traffic patterns at a key intersection. 2) A new Welcome Center to smoothly handle double digit increases in visitation and membership and also to house Selby Gardens’ Research Library, which includes a valuable collection of rare books and prints dating back to the 1700s. 3) A building which will house irreplaceable preserved collections, DNA laboratories, specimen preparation facilities, and offices for botanists, horticulturists, and administrators. All buildings will feature cutting-edge green building technology, and these features will be used to educate the public about green building options.

**c. How will the funds be expended?**



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	<p>Planning, engineering and construction for Phase I of Selby Gardens' Master site plan, to include zoning and permitting, design and engineering, site preparation, and the early stages of Phase I construction. The elements of the Master Site Plan that are included in Phase I of the project are the Sky Garden parking facility, the Welcome Center and Research Library, and the building that will house the Gardens' preserved research collections, laboratories and collections care facilities, etc.</p>	2,500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>



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**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Selby Gardens' improved 15-acre site will facilitate the Gardens' mission of conservation, botanical research, and education as well as providing an engaging outdoor experience that connects people of all ages to nature. People visit Selby Gardens to relax, to learn, to celebrate special occasions, and to participate in a wide range of activities including volunteerism, lectures, classes, and special events. The Gardens educates more than 6,000 school children annually (approximately 1/3 from Title I schools, to which we provide free admission) through field explorations that meet Florida education standards and provides informal education programs for thousands more. It also is a major tourist attraction that provides \$12 million in economic impact annually. The anticipated economic impact of Phase I of the project is estimated at some \$40 million and nearly 1,500 jobs.

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

Presently, Selby Gardens serves more than 200,000 visitors of every age from all 50 states and dozens of nations each year. This includes approximately 6,000 children served by Florida standards-based education programs. The new facilities will allow Selby Gardens to expand visitation and outreach programs by at least 10% upon completion and to provide a more enriching and meaningful experience for all.

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

1) Enriching cultural experiences including artistic horticultural displays and cultural events including world-class art and horticulture exhibitions, live performances, lectures, and classes in art, photography and other disciplines. Methodology for measurement: Number of programs executed, number of attendees, and responses to surveys. 2) Improved quality of education: the new facility will include publicly-accessible and interpreted demonstrations for a variety of green building technologies. The Gardens will create new school curricula based on Florida education standards for delivery to an increased number of students. Methodology for measurement: number of site tours, number of schools and of students served, and survey results. 3) Enhanced/preserved/improved environmental or fish and wildlife quality thanks to the consolidation of failing buildings and infrastructure on a smaller footprint within the 15-acre site, nearly doubling the amount of unpaved green space .

**g. 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 in the contract?**

Our contract provisions will include a liquidated damages clause that may be triggered in situations where there is a failure to meet deliverables or performance measures. We would also be willing to consider penalties suggested by the granting agency when we develop a funding agreement for this appropriation.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

**a. Name:** Jennifer Rominiecki

**b. Organization:** The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Inc



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- d. **Phone Number:** (941)366-5731 Ext. 226

### 14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Inc
- b. **County:** Sarasota
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Jennifer Romieniecki
- e. **E-mail Address:** JRomieniecki@selby.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (941)366-5731 Ext. 226

### 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

- a. **Name:** Jerry Paul
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