



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2368

1. **Title of Project:** I-395 Underdeck Open-Space and Heritage Trail

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Manny Diaz

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/04/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has given the City of Miami the opportunity to plan, program, operate, and maintain the I-395 Underdeck, a 33 acre open space under the I-395 Signature Bridge, that FDOT will begin constructing in February 2019. The bridge is the main spur that connects two of Miami-Dade County's most critical economic hubs - Downtown Miami and Miami Beach. The city's vision is to create a prominent urban destination that reconnects neighborhoods, promotes economic growth, and highlights history and culture of Miami where locals and visitors experience beautiful and active open-spaces, human connections, and engaging experiences. To achieve the desired vision and associated goals, the city will perform a 18 month long planning and design process in conjunction with FDOT that will enable the City to form a functional design, governance structure, and programming business plan that will fully activate and maximize the 33 acre open-space and the adjacent are

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Transportation

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	950,000
Total State Funds Requested	950,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	950,000	57.58%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	500,000	30.30%
Other	200,000	12.12%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	700,000	100.0%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 200000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The funds will be used to supplement the city and its partner's investment to envision the functional planning, programming and design for the I-395 Underdeck, identify engineering requirements, establish a governance structure, business plan, create a branding and marketing plan, and integrate the concept with FDOT during its design and construction.	950,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		950,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The "I-395 Under-Deck" will be a prominent urban destination that highlights the diversity and culture of Miami where locals and visitors experience beautiful and active open-spaces, human connections, and engaging experiences. The goals are to create a welcoming destination at the cross-roads of Miami's downtown; raise the city's image and prominence; reconnect communities; be an integral part of Miami's future downtown; create an impactful active mixed use environment; integrate safe and active multi-modal mobility; enhance economic opportunity; harmonize adjacent development; and focus on sustainable design to reduce maintenance and environmental impact.

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

The I-395 Underdeck will provide an active mixed use environment including: open-space for local families and visitors; green-space and natural landscaping; educational, artistic & cultural programming; alluring lighting and soundscape; restaurants, cafes and retail establishments; food event areas and festival space; and targeted parking. The Underdeck will also integrate the open-space mobility design for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles with adjacent transportation modes, such as road networks, metro-mover, metro-bus, Miami trolley, the bay-



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walk, Brightline, metro-rail and the future SMART Plan. Underpinning the plan is the reconnection of the City's Arts and Museum District, sports arena, emerging development, transit district, and historic Overtown.

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

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

We intend the I-395 Underdeck to be a local, regional, national and even global destination. Locally, it will serve the over 6 million residents of South Florida while offering an engaging destination for the millions of visitors to Miami each year. The 50,000+ residents, businesses, and cultural venues in close proximity will significantly benefit both from a quality of life and economic perspective.

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

The I-395 Underdeck along with the Signature Bridge will be an iconic site in Miami. It will showcase the city and region by attracting national and global attention. The open-space will greatly enhance the quality of life for the residents, businesses, and cultural venues in close proximity as well as the tourist options for the many visitors to Miami. Even greater is the economic opportunity the destination provides from the open-space itself, the connection of the city's cultural, Port of Miami, athletic, and other downtown destinations, and the potential of increased adjacent development.

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 in the contract?

Standard contract penalties.

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.

Owners of the I-395 Underdeck is FDOT providing a long-term zoning and operating agreement to the City of Miami.

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- a. Organization:** City of Miami
- b. County:** Miami-Dade
- c. Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☒ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
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