



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1733

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Dr. Guy Harvey, his Foundation, and their partners are dedicated to promoting environmental education and career pathway programming and experiences aimed at K-12 public school students in Bay County District Schools. Despite the geographic proximity of Florida's panhandle to coastal habitats, many students in this region have never seen the ocean, been on a boat, or understand the interconnected relationship they have with these natural resources. Bay County District Schools are currently using GHF STEAM curriculum in partnership with GHF through funding by The St. Joe Community Foundation. Our goal is to provide curriculum-related hands-on learning opportunities through engaging field trip experiences for these K-12 students.

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	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	2,000,000	100%

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.**

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



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No

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

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?

d. What is the estimated completion date 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
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	Funds will be used to enhance the learning experiences of Bay County District School students by providing curriculum-related field trip opportunities, including the cost of program/admission, transportation, and lunch expenses for student field trips to a partnering GHF Habitat. In addition, funds will be used to develop a middle school and high school Family STEAM Night and Career Fair as we consider expansion into career pathway and technical training in Bay County.	2,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The purpose and goal of this funding will be to provide quality hands-on experiences using the GHF curriculum in STEAM for all students in Bay County with GHF and GHF Habitats. GHF partners with regional environmental education centers in Florida as “GHF Habitats” to provide curriculum-related hands-on learning opportunities for engaging field trip experiences for students. Funding for this program will cover the cost of program/admission, transportation, and lunch expenses related to field trip experiences for students within Bay County allowing students to “get salty” as they experience the natural marine resources around them, perhaps for the first time.

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

With this funding we will provide students with the transportation, meals, and experiences to open them up to thinking about careers in STEAM.

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

This will not only enhance our public school education, but also bring students and their families to habitats and attractions in the Bay County area, further strengthening our communities. Some of these students may have never been given the opportunity to experience their local natural resources.

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

Our target population is the K-12 Bay County District Schools which includes 45 schools and centers, and serves over 26,000 students.

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

This program will enable all students, especially underserved students, the opportunity to visit local environmental education centers and parks as they, perhaps for the first time, engage in hands-on STEAM programming and learn about career pathways related to this educational experience.

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?

Reimbursement of the funds if project goals are not met.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

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



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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