



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2766

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Commodore Trail through Miami's Coconut Grove neighborhood is the most heavily used five-mile-long urban trail in Miami-Dade County. This request proposes to curate and implement a self-guided historical tour along the trail focusing on the cultural and historic focal points of Coconut Grove. The tour will include 36 interactive points of interest, accessible through a mobile application; supportive signage; classroom materials for local schools; and public promotional materials.

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

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	216,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	216,000

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)	216,000	84%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	40,000	16%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	256,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

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?**

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



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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	Audit and bookkeeping	25,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	1-License, modify existing apps (multiple sources available) (\$40,000). 2- Design and production of educational materials: classroom materials, trail signage, short docent videos, voice actors, and docent training (\$110,000).	129,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Hire content expertise (Iris Guzman Kolaya) and supplemental research by others (Vizcaya , Barnacle and U-Miami history department grad students) (12 months).	62,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		216,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The five-mile Commodore Trail in Miami-Dade County has been the core of Miami since its founding. Today it's the county's center for family-friendly outdoor health and fitness. This request proposes to create a self-guided historical tour along the trail focused on the culture and history of Coconut Grove. The tour will include 56 interactive points of interest accessible through a mobile application, supportive signage, classroom materials for local schools, and public promotional materials.

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

Expand and implement a comprehensive community heritage education program accessible to Miami students (14 schools), residents, and visitors. Classroom education and field-trip materials, heritage and environmental signage, mobile application and content (digitally and in print), and self-guided and docent-led tours included. Impact over 560,000 Florida residents annually.

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

Direct impact to residents and visitors (all ages and abilities) through a 56-stop walking/cycling tour along the Commodore Trail. Students from Coconut Grove's historic Bahamian community and twelve other schools will participate via classroom materials and interactive presentations while local youth groups, families, and visitors will engage through geocaching features and field trips.

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

Elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, university/college students, visitors, and users of the eleven parks joined together by the Commodore Trail.

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

The cultural and historical nature of the tour will draw visitors to the Commodore Trail and will encourage multi-modal methods of exercise for participants. For every \$1 spent on walking trails, \$3 is saved in medical expenses (American Heart Assn. 2016). Exercise has been proven to improve mental health, as has access to the humanities (American Journal of Psychiatry 2017). Each of the 56 stops will engage visitors in a new aspect of Coconut Grove's unique culture and history. The improved Commodore Trail's cultural history tour will become an important destination for visitors. 560,000 visitors came to the Commodore Trail corridor in 2020. 300,000 additional visited the northern end of the trail at Vizcaya.

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?

If the Friends of the Commodore Trail fails to meet the contractual deliverables, the financial consequences would be that the agency recovers its actual administrative costs related to the failure or delay.

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



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- 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