



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1545

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Expansion/renovation of the hospital and rehabilitation facilities at Zoo Miami will enable Zoo Miami to serve the need for treatment, recovery and rehabilitation of numerous endangered species in South Florida; and well as serve as a critical facility for endangered native wildlife in the event of a natural disaster, such as a hurricane. Expansion and renovation of the hospital and rehabilitation facilities will provide a central location for receiving injured, orphaned or displaced animals.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	3%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	600,000	3%
Local	14,000,000	66%
Other	6,000,000	28%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	21,100,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	500,000		No

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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Miami-Dade County received \$1,419,320,111.50 to provide financial aid to, among others, small businesses, veterans, senior meals, restaurants, hotel workers, first responders, landlords, low-income tenants, nonprofits, and day care centers; county services and also direct distributions to Miami-Dade municipalities.”

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

2026

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.

Zoo Miami is owned by Miami-Dade County.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be spent on services required to design and construct the expansion/renovation of the Zoo's hospital and rehab facilities to include a public viewing area.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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

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

Expansion and modernization of Zoo's hospital would improve efficiencies and quality of animal care.

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

Increased visitor access to the hospital would enhance the Zoo experience and provide additional educational opportunities.

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

General public in South Florida region - residents and annual attendance of over 1 million visitors.

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

Expansion will allow treatment, recovery and rehabilitation of numerous endangered species in South Florida that is not currently possible with the size of the Zoo's existing hospital. Hospital intake records and recorded contacts with FWC, USFWS and other organizations will measure the # of additional animals treated.

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?

Nonpayment until deliverables are 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
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name	<input type="text" value="None"/>
b. Firm Name	<input type="text" value="None"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text"/>