



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1823

1. Title of Project: Boca Raton Gumbo Limbo Nature Center - Seawater Intake System

2. Senate Sponsor: Kevin Rader

3. Date of Submission: 02/20/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Gumbo Limbo Nature Center is an environmental educational center that provides awareness and educational opportunities regarding the ocean and South Florida coastal environments and ecosystems. It is also a center for sea turtle emergency medical treatment and rehabilitation. The requested funds will be used to replace the seawater intake system that supplies fresh seawater to the educational aquariums and marine tanks and the turtle rehabilitation center.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? No

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 1,600,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,600,000 |

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) | 1,600,000 | 76.19% |
| Federal | 0 | 0.00% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0.00% |
| Local | 500,000 | 23.81% |
| Other | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 | 2,100,000 | 100.0% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | NonRecurring | | |
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9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|-------------|--------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and | | |



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| 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 | Construction of a replacement seawater intake system for the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. | 1,600,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,600,000 |

11. Program Performance:

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

The funds will be used to construct a new seawater intake system, a critical component of the Gumbo Limbo's educational and awareness programs, displays and activities as well as the sea turtle rehabilitation center.

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

The Gumbo Limbo Nature Center provides awareness and educational programs and activities regarding the ocean and South Florida coastal environments and ecosystems, as well as a sea turtle rehabilitation center.

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

The Gumbo Limbo Nature Center provides awareness and educational programs and activities regarding the ocean and South Florida coastal environments and ecosystems, as well as a sea turtle rehabilitation center. The requested funds will be used to replace the seawater intake system that supplies fresh seawater to the educational aquariums and marine tanks and the turtle rehabilitation center.

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

On an annual basis, more than 200,000 community residents and visitors, including more than 5,000 school students, visit the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and over 44,000 take part in the public environmental programs and activities. In addition, over 9,000 stranded sea turtle hatchlings are released each year.

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

The level of success can be determined by the number of visitors to the Nature Center, the number of people participating in the environmental programs and activities, and the number of sea turtles treated, rehabilitated and released back to the environment.

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?

failure to meet deliverables or performance measures will result in reduction or loss of funding.



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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.

The Gumbo Limbo Nature Center is owned and operated by the City of Boca Raton.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** City of Boca Raton
- c. **E-mail Address:** Bocacm@myboca.us
- d. **Phone Number:** (561)393-7703

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** City of Boca Raton
- b. **County:** Palm Beach
- 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:** Leif Ahnell
- e. **E-mail Address:** bocacm@myboca.us
- f. **Phone Number:** (561)393-7703

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe)
- N/A



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17. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

18. What is the status of construction? The project is in the design and permitting stage.

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? The construction of this project has not started.

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/01/2019