



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1337

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

To be able to meet the increasing demand for programs and activities, the Center is working to build an ADA-accessible, environmentally sustainable education complex. This complex will house additional indoor classrooms, outdoor teaching space, small meeting room, outdoor bathrooms, and replacement interpretive natural history museum. In addition, parking for 100 cars with a safe loading and unloading area for school buses.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?     Yes     No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="900,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1,100,000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2000000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**     Yes     No
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>				

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**     Yes     No
- If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director will manage overall project and interface with contractors, agencies, engineers, funders, etc. for approximately 10% of the time	20,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Other staff such as maintenance and habitat to interface with designing and construction efforts.	10,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	A grants/fundraising contractor has assisted TLNC in raising funds to support this project and will continue to do so.	10,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Project Manager will be hired to manage construction, site prep, etc. of the building and expansion.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Furniture and exhibit design	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Architect and civil and structural engineer are required to develop building design, site plans, permit requirements, parking and roadway design. Surveyor is required for all aspects of construction	560,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Building construction and outside facilities and equipment	1,100,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>



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## 11. Program Performance

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

Provide nature-based education for the region, visitors and students. To expand programs and increase our audience we need to build additional classrooms (both indoors and outdoors), replace aging natural history museum trailer, improve road and parking system, provide outdoor ADA accessible restrooms and add smaller community meeting space. Construction would also allow for a nature play area for smaller children and provide space to offer overlapping programming.

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

Construct indoor and outdoor teaching areas, new natural history museum to replace aging museum double-wide, outdoor accessible restrooms, small community meeting space and additional exhibit and education storage with administrative offices. It would include relocating maintenance work area and developing low-impact parking area

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

Being the ONLY nature center in Lake County and having reached maximum capacity, the Center will be able to expand its education programs and events, and add new programs for the community, families and youth. Expansion of community programs will be possible. This will include concurrent programs, business retreats and professional development training. Funding will allow the Center to begin additional eco-therapy and nature health programs. Replacing our aging double-wide museum with an updated and improved museum will advance nature learning opportunities for the public.

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

Currently 8,000 students attend the Center's education programs and over 10,000 visitors walk our trails and visit our museum and exhibits. With all programs, activities and outreach, the Center interacts and educates approximately 24,000 people annually with numbers steadily increasing.

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

Funds will allow for program expansions and the ability to educate more people about Florida's natural resources. More opportunities for involvement by the community, county/regional residents and visitors to the area will be provided. Programs are evaluated using quantitative and qualitative methods, visitation is tracked, participant numbers recorded and online reviews are used.

- 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?

Penalties as stipulated per contract.



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12. **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.**

The facility is owned by the Trout Lake Nature Center, Inc., a Florida based, non-profit corporation.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.