



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1559

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Town is requesting \$300,000 to convert 52 acres of open space at SW 97 Avenue and SW 224 Street into a wetland area. The project site has drawn nearly 120 species of migratory and rare birds; however, illegal dumping and ATV riding threatens the natural habitat. This project complements the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, has potential to link bicyclists to 3 state bike trails, and will serve as an educational "learning lab" for students attending local schools. The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) is the largest hydrologic restoration project ever undertaken in the United States. This project supports the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands (BBCW), which is a component of CERP. The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (Sponsored by Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava) unanimously adopted Resolution #R-1095-19 "urging the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for the Cutler Wetlands" on October 3, 2019

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="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="300,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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="300000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="67.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
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="146,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="33"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	446,000	100 %

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"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Planning and design of the Cutler Bay Wetland area.	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Restoration of the Cutler Bay Wetland area.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The goal of this project is to convert 52 acres of underutilized open space into a wetland that will improve the quality of water entering the environmentally sensitive Biscayne Bay.

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

The Town initiated a coalition with key stakeholders such as the South Florida Water Management District, US Army Corps of Engineers, Miami-Dade County, and local public and charter schools. Partners will clean up the space (remove invasive vegetation), introduce vegetation and infrastructure that supports wetlands, install trail to connect local bike paths.

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

This project is free and open to the general public. Five schools within the Town have active environmental education programs. The Town will encourage schools with environmental science programs to use the wetland project as a learning lab to connect classroom lessons to their community.

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

This project is free and open to the general public. It is expected that more than 2,000 people per year.

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

The primary outcome of this project is to create a new wetland preservation area. The methodology by which the outcome is measured is the proof of implementation (before/after photographs, invoices, documentation of return of migratory birds, etc.)

- 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 will result in reduction of appropriation amount based upon the compensation for unmet deliverables.



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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 project site is owned by the South Florida Water Management District. The Town will support the ongoing maintenance.

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.



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

16. **Have you applied for alternative state funding?**

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

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?**

19. **What percentage of the construction has been completed?**

20. **What is the estimated completion date of construction?**

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.