The Florida Senate  
Local Funding Initiative Request  
Fiscal Year 2020-2021  

1. Project Title  
Cutler Bay Wetland Restoration Project  

2. Senate Sponsor  
Jose Rodriguez  

3. Date of Request  
11/21/2019  

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  
Department of Environmental Protection  

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

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<td>Operations</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fixed Capital Outlay</td>
<td>300,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total State Funds Requested</strong></td>
<td>300,000</td>
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7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)  

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<th>Type of Funding</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)</td>
<td>300,000</td>
<td>67.0 %</td>
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<td><strong>Matching Funds</strong></td>
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<td>Federal</td>
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<td>State (excluding the amount of this request)</td>
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<td>Local</td>
<td>146,000</td>
<td>33 %</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td><strong>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</strong></td>
<td>446,000</td>
<td>100 %</td>
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8. Has this project previously received state funding?  
○ Yes  ● No  
If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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<th>Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Specific Appropriation #</th>
<th>Vetoed</th>
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<td>Recurring</td>
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9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?  
○ Yes  ● No  
If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.
10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

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<th>Spending Category</th>
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<td><strong>Administrative Costs:</strong></td>
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<td>Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits</td>
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<td><strong>Operational Costs: Other</strong></td>
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<td>Consultants/Contracted Services/Study</td>
<td>Planning and design of the Cutler Bay Wetland area.</td>
<td>50,000</td>
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<td><strong>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</strong></td>
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<td>Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering</td>
<td>Restoration of the Cutler Bay Wetland area.</td>
<td>250,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</strong></td>
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<td>300,000</td>
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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 Rafael
   b. Organization Town of Cutler Bay
   c. E-mail Address rcasals@cutlerbay-fl.gov
   d. Phone Number (305)234-4262

14. Recipient Contact Information
   a. Organization Town of Cutler Bay
   b. Municipality and County Miami-Dade
   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 Rafael
   e. E-mail Address rcasals@cutlerbay-fl.gov
   f. Phone Number (305)2344262

15. Lobbyist Contact Information
   a. Name Cesar Fernandez
   b. Firm Name Converge Government Affairs
   c. E-mail Address Cesar@convergegov.com
   d. Phone Number (786)2626092
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?
   - Not Started

19. What percentage of the construction has been completed?
   - 0

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?
   - 12/31/2021

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