



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2261

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Water Quality Program will improve waste and storm-water management at the Zoo. Our 5-acre lake system at the Zoo currently consists of seven interconnected ponds ultimately linked to the Lake Worth Lagoon. This ecosystem has a sandy, silty bottom, covered to a large extent in biological waste, sometimes several feet thick, that has gathered over the Zoo's history. The bottom of our lake system sits 3 – 5 feet above the ground water table. Our ground well system consists of two wells pumping fresh water under a SFWMD permit 24/7, from the water table up into our lake system. Many of the 550 animals at the Zoo play in or around this water. Sea level rise has every well owner in our area east of I-95 concerned with salt infiltration over time. If our pumps shut down for any sustained length of time, our lakes immediately begin to drain down to the water table. Our goal is to make our lake system safe and inviting, not only for our staff and wildlife, but for over 350,000 guests/year.

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="225,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="25,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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="250000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
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="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"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	250,000	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	Public Address System, automated access control, automated security gates, entry gate video cameras, animal night house video cameras and monitoring, Fingerprint sign-in equipment, electronic key cabinets, walkway lighting, secure fencing.	112,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Public Address System, automated access control, automated security gates, entry gate video cameras, animal night house video cameras and monitoring, Fingerprint sign-in equipment, electronic key cabinets, walkway lighting, secure fencing.	137,500
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Testing and monitoring of water quality and dredging years of bio-waste sludge from the lake floor so as to eventually attract visitors for fishing and boating activities on 5+ acres of waterways.

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

Test and monitor existing water quality throughout the lake system. Add mobile circulation pumps and aerators. Reduce or eliminate demand for ground water from existing wells. Dredge lake system of years of accumulated bio-waste. Slow or eliminate drainage of lake water into water table by sealing pond floors.

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

Safety and security while attending the Zoo and increased safety and security of the animals.

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

Approximately 350,000 zoo visitors including 26,000 K-12th grade school children.

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

Improved water quality and reduced flooding in and around zoo property during storms. Water quality metrics will be used to measure water quality. Observation on zoo premises will measure reduction of flooding.

- 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?

The project would only receive funding in a reimbursement.



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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 Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches

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.