



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2352

1. **Project Title** Palmetto Bay Nature Education Center2. **Senate Sponsor** Jose Rodriguez3. **Date of Request** 12/17/20194. **Project/Program Description**

To capitalize on the existing 20-acre natural Pineland preserve area within the 52-acre Coral Reef Park and establish a Nature Education Center to provide educational courses to the general public in an effort to promote conservation of the natural environment. This is particularly important for younger children to learn about nature, the outdoors and environmental protection.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Environmental ProtectionState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	745,900
Total State Funds Requested	745,900

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)	745900	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	745,900	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		

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		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Planning, engineering, design and construction	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="745,900"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		745,900



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11. Program Performance

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

The funds requested are to be used to build a nature center in our local Pine Rockland Preserve. This project will provide a local learning space for the local schools and residents who wish to learn more about nature and it's beautiful impact on everyday lives. We are confident this project will have an environmental impact on all who will take advantage of learning opportunity to be provided.

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

The Nature Center is anticipated to provide classes and courses in support of the local public and private schools. to enhance the learning experience, the center will also feature exhibit areas and outdoor classes to engage the younger population. all classes will promote environmental education and preservation.

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

Environmental education and preservation.

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

Our targeted population include: elderly persons, at-risk youth, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, and University/College students. We expect to serve greater than 800 individuals annually.

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

The project will improve physical health by providing education concerning the importance of being outdoor in nature while encouraging physical activity for the overall community health. This will also improve mental health through learning and feedback to be provided via participant assessment. We will improve agricultural production/promotion/education by providing course materials to participating individuals. This project improve quality of education by improving academics by allowing students to actively participate in the environment. Added benefits will be an increase to economic activity, increase tourism and provide economic opportunities to businesses by increased visitorship. Measured by participant feedback, on-site record keeping and new occupational license approvals.

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?

Withholding of funds.



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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.**

Not applicable

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.