



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1086

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Orlando Land Trust exists to preserve and expand public park space and its natural habitat. Currently, the park is facing a threat from potential development on the lake itself. In an increasingly dense corridor, Lake Eola Park is a rare sanctuary of green space for natural ecosystems of plants and animals. The park is the home of a US federally -protected bird sanctuary and houses five of the seven species of swans. A variety of other birds, ducks, geese and turtles thrive in the park. The green space is not only an oasis for plants and animals, but serves as a place of respite for residents and visitors of all ages. To this end, OLT has reached out to the trust for Public Land who has assisted us in purchasing property that would protect the park from development on the SW corner of the lake. The City of Orlando is matching funds that we raise. Once the sale is completed, OLT will deed the land to the City of Orlando with a restriction that it must be green space in perpetuity.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	100,000
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	100,000	2%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,625,000	49%
Other	1,625,000	49%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	3,350,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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In lieu of state funding the Orlando Land Trust would utilize a combination of donations from individuals in the community and matching funds to those donations from the City of Orlando.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	No operations funding is being requested for this project relating to salary and benefits.	0
Other Salary and Benefits	No operations funding is being requested for this project relating to salary and benefits.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	No operations funding is being requested for this project relating to equipment, travel, expense, or supplies.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	No operations funding is being requested for this project relating to consulting or contracting services for studies.	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	No operations funding is being requested for this project relating to salary and benefits.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	No operations funding is being requested for this project relating to equipment, travel, expense, or supplies.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	No operations funding is being requested for this project relating to consulting or contracting services for studies.	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds received from the state will be used for the purchase of land to expand Lake Eola Park in downtown Orlando. Upon acquisition of land, the development and construction of a butterfly garden will begin in the park. Use of these funds will be divided between the two projects with the combined goal of expansion and creation of new green space at Lake Eola Park.	100,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000

12. Program Performance

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

Purchase of the land will remove the threat of development on the park which would further reduce possible green space withing the City of Orlando. The goal is to increase the green space for all park patrons while expanding the heart of much of Orlando's social life. The expansion of the park will also increase current habitat for native wildlife.

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

The acquisition of the neighboring parcels will allow for the parks expansion and construction of a butterfly garden.

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



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Upon completion, Lake Eola Park's south west corner will provide improved access to the entire park and increase space for events and pedestrians. Lake Eola Park's expansion will provide increased space for numerous events hosted throughout the year such as: art and cultural events, corporate runs, heritage festivals, craft fairs, music concerts and other creative performances. It also hosts numerous walks to benefit cancer, downs syndrome, Alzheimer, and Multiple sclerosis. The butterfly garden will provide a relaxing and healthy atmosphere for residents and visitors while increasing green space for native species of plants and butterflies. Native Florida butterfly habitats are rapidly disappearing and construction of a garden would provide a stable environment to support native populations of butterflies.

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

All residents and visitors of Lake Eola Park. According to a recent report from the Trust for Public Land, the park is one of the nation's most used parks per acre, out-pacing the national mall in DC and San Antonio's River Walk.

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

Increased use of the park as measured by city statistics, and by data regarding the participation in the many walks and runs. The expansion will also allow for increased connectivity to the southwest corner of downtown for pedestrians and cyclists. Construction of a butterfly garden will provide a relaxing environment for patrons to relax and learn about Florida wildlife.

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 the contract?

Failing to meet deliverables according to the contract may result in the return of funds from the Orlando Land Trust to the State of Florida.

13. 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 Orlando Land Trust will be the primary recipient of the requested funds. The monies secured by this appropriation will be used to reimburse another party that provides the final \$100,000 that will be divided for the closing on the land and the construction of the butterfly garden. The closing on the land must be completed by the end of March 2021. The Land Trust will work with either the City of Orlando or another entity to obtain the funding needed upfront for the deadline in March.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number