



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1191

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Aquarium (TFA) has identified that its 25-year old HVAC infrastructure must be modernized in order to achieve the new air quality standards being required following the pandemic. An investment of \$350,000 would allow TFA to replace two of the main HVAC units supplying the main gallery building. This replacement will modernize the air handling system in alignment with air purification technologies already being deployed.

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	350,000
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	28%
Matching Funds		
Federal	217,000	18%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	665,000	54%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,232,000	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.

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

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



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TFA received \$500,000 under the CARES Act: \$217,000 for HVAC improvements – 5 new indoor air handling units, 5 new condensing units, 1 rooftop unit, bipolar ionization on all existing units, and new dampers. The remaining funds were spent on masks, hand sanitizer and disinfectant units, staff and visitor signage and social distancing measures, thermometers, UVC sterilization supplies for doors, elevators, and escalators, and replacing fixed doors with automatic doors with air curtains.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Replacement of 2 Air Handlers (\$175,000 each, including installation)	350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

12. Program Performance

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

Our 25-year old HVAC infrastructure must be modernized in order to achieve the new air quality standards being required following the pandemic. This replacement will modernize the air handling system in alignment with air purification technologies already being deployed.

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

TFA has identified that its 25-year old HVAC infrastructure must be modernized in order to achieve the new air quality standards being required following the pandemic.

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

Improved air quality will impact all visitors and staff at the Aquarium.

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

Visitors and staff at TFA, including the general public, K-12 school children, underserved communities. Pre-pandemic visitors numbered 850,000+.

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

Improved air filtration and circulation as measured by increased airflow, greater recirculation with outdoor air, and increased CO2 removal.

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?



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If HVAC equipment is not bought and installed within the contract period, the remaining funds should be reverted.

- 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 Florida Aquarium is the operator and owns the content of the facility (including the HVAC system) and the City of Tampa is the owner of the property.



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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