



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1575

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

4. Project/Program Description

Florida Panthers are an endangered species. ZooTampa is providing a service to the State of Florida by caring for Florida Panthers that have been deemed non-releasable by the FWC and by treating and rehabilitating sick or injured panthers. These funds will assist in expanding the single habitat into a complete habitat for each of the three non-releasable panthers, as well as provide necessary holding area for sick or injured panthers receiving medical treatment at the Zoo.

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	200,000
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	9%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,100,000	91%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	2,300,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	500,000	1905C	Yes

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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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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PPP loan for \$2.1 Million

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	Continue to renovate and expand existing single habitat to house three non-releaseable panthers and provide for medical rehabilitation facilities for sick or injured panthers.	200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

12. Program Performance

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

This funding will allow ZooTampa to provide a critical service to the State of Florida by housing and rehabilitating sick or injured Florida panthers, which are an endangered species.

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

The existing habitat will be expanded to house three non-releaseable Florida panthers and will provided needed space for panthers receiving medical care and rehabilitation services.

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

More than 1 Millions visitors to ZooTampa will have the ability to see and learn about Florida Panthers and their habitat, and more than 150,000 who participate in programs at the Zoo will have enhanced educational opportunities.

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

K-12 students, college students, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, at-risk youth, and economically disadvantaged. The Zoo currently serves approximately 200,000 individuals in these categories and expects the number to increase to at least 250,000 by 2022.

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

Expanded habitat and rehabilitation area at ZooTampa for Florida panthers unable to be released and for injured or sick panthers that are receiving medical care. Ability for 1 million visitors to learn about Florida panthers.

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?

return of state funds for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures



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- 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 City of Tampa owns the land and buildings of ZooTampa at Lowry Park. Lowry Park Zoological Society, ZooTampa's 501(c)3, has a 50-year lease to operate the Zoo.



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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