



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1989

1. Project Title Fort Meade - Historic Fort Meade Peace River Park Outpost - Phase I Development

2. Senate Sponsor Ben Albritton

3. Date of Request 03/04/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will be used to begin development of a 400 plus site immediately adjacent to Peace River in Fort Meade known as Peace River Park. A Master Plan adopted on July 9, 2019 provides the basis for the request. The Plan has resource based recreation, historical elements for visitor services, primitive camping, cabins, RV sites, multi-purpose trails, canoe launch, equestrian center, horse stables, playground, picnicking, boat ramps, and a cafe.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	300,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	600,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes



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

Pass through funds from Polk County Board of County Commissioners for operating and payroll costs approximately \$60,000 in November 2020.

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	Phase I of Planning, Engineering, and Construction of Site Elements	300,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

12. Program Performance

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

Historic Peace River Park development will provide resource based recreational opportunities, agricultural and equestrian elements, and historical venues for visitors of all ages over a 400 plus acre site.

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

Primitive camping, cabins, RV sites, day use, multi-purpose trails, canoe launch, equestrian and folk center, playground, picnicking, boat ramp, and a cafe.

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

Equestrian uses, boating ramp, hiking, camping, interpretive historical folk center, and outdoor resource based recreation for all ages and skill levels.

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

General public, seniors, youth, students, disabled. Daily attendance could be over 800 from day use and overnight stays.

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

Development of this site will provide avenues to improve physical and mental health, enrich cultural experience, improve agricultural promotion and education, improve quality of education, increase economic activity through tourism, and create job opportunities at the park. Success will be measured by the number of park patrons, and dollars expended in the region.

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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Withholding of funds for failure to meet deliverables. Require tasks to be completed prior to release of funds and substantiation of project elements.

- 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.**

City of Fort Meade, a local government is the site owner.



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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