



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2131

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

4. Project/Program Description

Funds will be used to transform the city's waterfront downtown park into additional greenspace featuring a large event band shell, playgrounds, an interactive water feature, a bluff walk, restrooms and a dock master building. Imagine Clearwater will improve the connection between the waterfront and downtown, while increasing vibrancy and economic activity.

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	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	15%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	55,348,384	85%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	65,348,384	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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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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The Florida Housing Finance Corporation provided the City of Clearwater with \$1,034,546 in CARES Act funding for mortgage, rent, and housing assistance. The city was able to expend \$930,119 within the restricted timeframe and returned \$104,427 to the state.

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	Funds will be used to construct a state-of-the art playground, a children's interactive water feature with shade structure, restrooms, a dock master building, landscaping, open space green space, and a large event band shell.	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Increase access to outdoor recreational space. Enhance Coachman Park with new amenities, such as pedestrian and cyclist access, a children's playground, and an interactive water feature. Reduce impervious surface by three acres. New stormwater pond will increase stormwater retention capabilities on-site.

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

Musical and theatrical productions in the band shell provide access to the arts and draw local and regional audiences to visit downtown Clearwater. Outdoor recreation including a playground, an interactive water feature, walking and cycling paths, and open green space for free play..

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

Special events programming by the city's Parks & Recreation Department and Special Events staff.

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

The project will benefit no specific group. The enhanced waterfront and park will be accessible to residents, visitors, and artists. More than 800 individuals are expected to be served.

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

When completed, Imagine Clearwater will provide city residents and visitors with enhanced recreational space, improved access to the waterfront, and new playground amenities for children. The city will maintain records for event attendance and users of recreational space. All existing old sanitary sewer in the project area will be replaced and upgraded to current standards. Total new area of improved recreational space and preservation of natural elements..



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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?

Failure to adequately fulfill deliverables as contractually agreed can lead to non-payment and/or contract termination.

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 site is owned by the City of Clearwater.



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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