



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1873

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

4. Project/Program Description

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5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	18%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,250,000	82%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	2,750,000	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?**



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Yes

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

PPP via SBA at \$826,000 and a local grant from the County at \$169,000 (CARES Act) was used to continue our operation and salaries.

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	State funds will support construction of the Gardens' core resiliency community hub,	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

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

The South Florida Coastal Resiliency Project will: 1) Enable the development of nature-based strategies to improve South Florida and Fairchild's sea level rise resilience, water quality, wildlife habitat, and other environmental challenges, including plant species that will help harden coastal and low-lying areas. 2) Expand community partnerships. 3) Educate citizens, landscape professionals, visitors, students, volunteers HOAs about mitigation techniques. 4) Enhance the Garden, to the benefit of residents and tourists.

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

Coastal Miami, where FTBG is located, faces numerous environmental threats, ranging from hurricanes to floods to sea-level rise and storm surge. Fairchild educates local governments and environmental groups on how to use plants to mitigate these threats, protecting citizens' quality of life and the region's economy. The Community Resiliency Project will advance these goals.

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



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General population in excess of 800.

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

FTBG is a safe space for the community, welcoming >300,000 guests each year without incident. When a space is safe, learning can take place. The Coastal Resiliency Project will be a centralizing center for citizen-driven SLR, SS and King Tide mitigation & adaptation.

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?

If the match is not achieved the Gardens will return the money

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.

Fairchild Gardens is a non-profit



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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



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

17. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

18. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

19. What is the status of construction?

15% complete

20. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

15% complete

21. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/31/2023