



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1969

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

McGough Nature Park, with over 50,000 annual visitors including local residents, students, and tourists, is a 26 acre park situated on the intercoastal waterway. The purpose of the requested funds is to replace the existing boardwalk connecting the park to the waterway as well as the numerous nature preserve areas at the park. The present boardwalk has exceeded its useful life and the proposed new boardwalk will be ADA compliant so that anyone wishing to enjoy the park will be able to do so. The proposed new boardwalk will also be built to resiliency standards and taking into account sea level rise.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 560,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 560,000 |

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) | 560,000 | 80% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 140,000 | 20% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 | 700,000 | 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?



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

The city has received approximately \$591,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and approximately \$13 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). CARES funding was used primarily for paid sick leave, sanitation, personal protective equipment, and improvements to remote working resources and technology. ARPA funds have not yet been committed.

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 | Construction of new boardwalk at McGough Nature Park | 560,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 560,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used to replace the boardwalk and pilings at McGough Nature Park which are at the end of their useful life and of an obsolete design. The new boardwalk will be constructed to be ADA compliant so that anyone wishing to enjoy the park will be able to do so. Additionally, the new boardwalk will be constructed with standards that take into account sea level rise.

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

McGough Nature Park is a 26 acre park located along the Intracoastal Waterway. The park features a nature center that houses live animal exhibits, including 22 rescued, non-releasable birds and offers numerous environmental education programs. The park is known for an abundance of aquatic wildlife and native plant species enjoyed by many thousands of visitors each year along the park's boardwalk.

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

ADA-compliant access to the intercoastal waterway and nature preserve areas of the park.

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

The target population to be served by the project are local residents, students, and tourists. More than 50,000 visitors enjoy McGough Nature Park annually.

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



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The expected benefit and outcome of this project is to provide an enriching nature and educational experience to local residents, visitors, and tourists who visit McGough Nature Park by constructing a resilient, ADA-compliant boardwalk with an updated design to withstand the effects of sea level rise.

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?

Suggested penalties for failing to meet deliverables could include repayment of funds or disqualification from future funding opportunities.

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.

McGough Nature Park is owned by the City of Largo.



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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