



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2322

1. Project Title Volusia County Sea Turtle, Seabird, and Manatee Education Bldg Improvements/Marine Science Center

2. Senate Sponsor Tom Wright

3. Date of Request 12/08/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a multi-purpose facility for live animal presentations and K-12 school field trip programs. The new facility is envisioned to be utilized by other groups for community lectures and meetings.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	62%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	600,000	38%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,600,000	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

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



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CARES Act funding in the amount of \$96.7 million used for PPE, rental and mortgage assistance. ARPA funds in the amount of \$107 million will be used for eligible projects provided for by the federal government.

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	Local support will begin the design process with the state funds being used for additional planning and construction costs.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

The current facility does not meet the needs of the Marine Science Center and the new building will make for a better experience for over 3,800 pre-Covid visitors (including school trips) per annum.

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

The facility serves as an education center for the region as wildlife is brought to the center. Environmentally focused summer camps utilize the facility as well as a variety of local education and conservation events are held in the buildings.

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

N/A

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

Senior and school groups, visitors to the area, environmentally conscious citizens. The target is over 4,000 visits per year.

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

A building that is designed for its use to accommodate thousands of visitors every year. Customer experience forms will be given to students and teachers to evaluate the experience by a more suitable building than what currently exists.

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?

As an entity currently managing federal and state grant funds, the county would be subject to sanctions for failing to meet its obligations.



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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.

Volusia County owns the Marine Science Center and its buildings, including the building proposed herein.



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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