



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1507

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Funding from the State is twofold. It would allow Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center to better understand impacts of contaminant exposure, disease, and foraging location on marine wildlife across in Florida and increase number of cleanups, further analyze pounds of trash removed, and evaluate impacts of plastic debris and contaminants on wildlife. Activities and services of the first project will be to document contaminants in sea turtles nesting in Florida and relate those to foraging areas. Satellite tagging will be utilized in nesting female turtles to determine high-use areas. Funding will support local beach cleanups and underwater cleanups at Juno Beach Pier. Data obtained from these cleanups will be utilized in educational awareness programs and campaigns.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	250,000	1811	No

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.**

Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center would have to solicit funds from their donors to conduct this work which would pull from the needs of other programs.



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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.

Loggerhead Marinelife Center received \$1,011,001.68 in Paycheck Protection Funds. The funds were used primarily for wages with an allowable amount for rent and utilities.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits are included for the Vice President of Research and the Conservation Manager, the leads on these projects. A total of 25% FTE for the Vice President of Research and 28% FTE for the Conservation Manager are requested.	44,254
Other Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits for other full-time staff (Associate Director of Research) that will be assisting with these projects are included. 20% FTE is requested for the Associate Director of Research and 30% for the Conservation Coordinator.	31,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Costs associated with these projects include underwater/beach cleanup/pollution prevention/other field sampling supplies, contaminant analysis, health and disease analyses, and expendables. Large equipment is also included here including an ATV, satellite tags, and GPS units. Indirect costs (15%) are also included.	174,746
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>	<b>250,000</b>
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#### 14. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose for these requested funds is to improve upon the health and cleanliness of Florida's beaches and waterways through rigorous beach and underwater cleanups, rescuing of turtles on piers throughout Florida, education about the sea turtle protection zone, and evaluation of the health and migration patterns of Florida's charismatic wildlife in regards to plastic pollution, contaminants, disease, and foraging location.

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

This project will help to keep Florida beaches clear of trash and debris, and aims to create innovative, long-term solutions to human impacts on our local ecosystems in order to help keep Florida reefs, beaches, and wildlife healthy for generations to come. The resulting data from the research projects can be used to improve management decisions and support protection measures in Florida's coast.

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

The target populations served by this project are coastal communities, residents/tourists, and wildlife in the state of Florida. By keeping the beaches and the coastal environment clean, tourism will continue to thrive in Florida and locals and tourists alike will be able to enjoy pristine beaches and reefs long into the future.

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

The target population served by this project are coastal communities, residents, tourists, and wildlife in the state of Florida. By keeping the beaches and the coastal environment clean, tourism will continue to thrive in Florida and locals and tourists alike will be able to enjoy pristine beaches and reefs long into the future. These projects will benefit thousands of local residents, tourists, and beach-goers. Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center hosts roughly 350,000 visitors per year with a total reach of nearly 600,000 through beach and virtual programs.

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

The outcome of this project is direct removal of fishing line and other trash from the marine environment and the development of long-term pollution prevention initiatives to prevent debris from entering the ocean and potentially harming marine life. Through these results, we will seize the opportunities to educate the public regarding the impacts of plastic pollution, contaminants, and disease on sea turtle health through tangible displays, media contacts, and scientific communication/publication. Measures of the realized value include improvements in ecosystem and species protection and management policies, as well as shifts in scientific and public thinking brought about by these results. The outcome will be measured by pounds of debris removed from the marine environment monthly or yearly by this project, miles of fishing line removed during underwater cleanups, the number of beach cleanups held yearly, and peer-reviewed scientific publications.

**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?**

Forfeit of funding.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

#### 16. Recipient Contact Information



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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

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number