

LFIR # 1811

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b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.	-	•	•	No]	
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10. Status of Construction

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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

6	a. What is the cu	rrent phase of th	e project?					
	Planning	Design	Construction	O N/A				
I	o. Is the project "	'shovel ready" (i	.e permitted)?		No			
(c. What is the est	timated start dat	e of construction?		06/01/2026			
(d. What is the est	timated complet	ion date of construc	tion?	08/31/2026			
•	e. What funding s	stream will be us	sed for ongoing ope	rations a	nd maintenance of	f the project?		
	DEP FCO mone	y and support fror	n the Friends of Birch	State Pa	ark a 501c3.			
11.			receive, directly or s of the facility and			outlay fundir	ng. Include the	
	Department of E	Environmental Pro	tection - Division of F	arks and	Recreation, Hugh 7	Γaylor Birch Sta	ate Park	

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major	or Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	replace approximately 3,250 linear feet of failing perimeter fencing along A1A and Sunrise Boulevard. The project will remove aging, breachable chain-link fencing and replace it with an 8-foot fully welded aluminum fence that enhances public safety, reduces unauthorized access, protects sensitive wildlife habitat, and improves aesthetics along a key tourism gateway in Fort Lauderdale. The project also includes the replacement of park entrance/exit gates and installation of an app-based smart ac	320,000
Total State Funds Requested (m	nust equal total from question #6)	320,000

13. Program Performance

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



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A modern perimeter fence will:

- Enhance safety for nearly half a million annual visitors
- Improve security for youth programs and after-hours camp rentals
- Reduce environmental disturbance caused by unauthorized access
- Protect rare habitats including coastal dune lake, mangrove forest, and maritime hammock
- Improve the visual character of this iconic coastal state park and adjacent Fort Lauderdale beach

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

The funds will support removal of deteriorated fencing, clearing of vegetation along the park's perimeter, installation of 3,250 feet of new 8-foot welded aluminum security fencing, replacement of entrance and exit gates, and implementation of an app-based access control system. These activities will enhance safety, prevent unauthorized access, protect sensitive habitat, and improve the overall visitor experience along the A1A and Sunrise Boulevard corridor.

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

The project will provide safer park access for visitors, improved security for youth groups and families, protection of sensitive wildlife areas, and a more attractive and welcoming A1A/Sunrise Boulevard corridor. Citizens will directly benefit from reduced unauthorized access, enhanced safety during recreation, and a cleaner, better-maintained environment for walking, biking, and enjoying the park and beachfront.

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

Nearly half a million.

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

The project is expected to improve visitor safety, reduce unauthorized access, and protect sensitive wildlife habitat along the A1A and Sunrise Boulevard perimeter of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. The replacement of deteriorated fencing with secure, 8-foot welded aluminum fencing and upgraded gate systems will enhance the overall safety, environmental protection, and visitor experience.

Outcomes will be measured through - Park Ranger and Law Enforcement Reports tracking reductions in trespassing, breaches, and homeless encampments; Environmental monitoring documenting decreases in habitat disturbance along the fence line; Visitor attendance and program participation data showing increased use of park facilities and events; Gate access logs from the new app-based system demonstrating secure, authorized after-hours entry; Photo documentation comparing pre- and post-installation conditions along the perimeter.

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 in the contract?

In addition to standard penalties, the contracting agency may impose the following measures if the contractor fails to meet required deliverables or performance standards: Withholding of payment until deficient or incomplete work is corrected.; Required corrective action plan outlining steps to bring work back into compliance.; Reduction in payment for work that does not meet specifications or quality standards.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? Ye	es
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a.	lf	Yes,	what	phase	best	describ	oes t	he	proje	ect?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infastructure)
- b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

Hurricane Irma and various following tropical storms

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?



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☐ Yes, Applied			
☐ Yes, Received			
☑ No			
☐ No, but intends t	o apply		
a. If yes, provide th	ie FEMA project worksho	eet ID#:	
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b. Provide the total	project cost listed on th	ne FEMA project worksheet:	
16. Has the entity app	olied for or received state	e assistance for this project (other than	this request)?
☐ Yes, Applied			
☐ Yes, Received			
☑ No			
☐ No, but intends t	o apply		
a. If yes, specify th	e program and state age	ency (ex. Local Government Emergency	Bridge Loan, Department of
Commerce):			
17. Requester Contac	t Information		
a. First Name	Michelle	Last Name Schmitz	
b. Organization	Friends of Birch State Pa	ark	
c. E-mail Address	MSchmitz@birchstatepa	ırk.org	
d. Phone Number	(954)566-0660	Ext.	
18. Recipient Contact			
a. Organization	Friends of Birch State Pa	ark, Inc.	
b. Municipality and	d County Broward		
c. Organization Ty	pe		
□For Profit Entity			
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□University or Co	University or College					
□Other (please sp	pecify)					
d. First Name	Michelle	Last Name	Schmitz			
e. E-mail Address	mschmitz@birchstatepark	org				
f. Phone Number	(954)566-0660	Ext.				
19. Lobbyist Contact I	nformation					
a. Name	None					
b. Firm Name						
c. E-mail Address						
d. Phone Number						

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