



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1811

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project replaces approximately 3,250 linear feet of failing perimeter fencing along A1A and Sunrise Boulevard. It 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 access control system to safely manage after-hours access for permitted youth groups using the Elks Youth Camp and park volunteers and staff.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	320,000
Total State Funds Requested	320,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	320,000	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	80,000	20%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	400,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/31/2026

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

DEP FCO money and support from the Friends of Birch State Park a 501c3.

11. 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.

Department of Environmental Protection - Division of Parks and Recreation, Hugh Taylor Birch State 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 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 (must 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? ☐ Yes

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ 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 infrastructure)

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 to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☒ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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



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☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.