



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1099

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

This request will assist in the successful transformation of Phipps Ocean Park to a fully accessible, family-friendly, oceanfront park. The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, Inc. in partnership with the Town of Palm Beach, commissioned landscape architect Raymond Jungles to create a masterplan for the existing space that integrates the cultural and botanical properties of the park. The twenty-acre park will showcase the beauty of Florida's native plants, create an environmentally sustainable landscape, and restore habitats for wildlife, while creating an accessible space for all visitors to immerse themselves in the beauty and awe of nature.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 2,655,982 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 2,655,982 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 2,655,982 | 100% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 | 2,655,982 | 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.

This project is anticipated to be completed within 1 year, and therefore should not need additional funds. This scope of work is part of the park project, and the funds needed for the rest of the project (such as plantings, bathrooms, etc.) are being raised through donations.

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.

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

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.

The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, Inc. is undertaking this project in partnership with the Town of Palm Beach. The Foundation, a non-profit organization, has undertaken the fundraising efforts for this project, and will gift the funds for the project to the Town.

13. 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 | Funding for the transformation of Phipps Ocean Park to include: all new ADA accessible pathways throughout the entire park (\$1,259,193); all new ADA accessible parking lots with innovative rain garden drainage and substantial tree canopy to reduce heat (\$500,868); rough and fine grading of the entire 20 acre site in order to allow for the new pathways and parking lots (\$895,921) | 2,655,982 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 2,655,982 |

14. Program Performance

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



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The funds will create new permeable, shaded parking lots with associated rain gardens, new ADA accessible walkways throughout the park, and associated site work and grading needed to install these features. With this scope of work, the park will be fully accessible for the first time, and will provide an incredible amenity for all visitors to the park.

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

The funding requested covers the anticipated cost to install the features needed to create accessibility throughout the park. The new parking lots will be constructed of concrete and decomposed granite, and will be gracious with ample landscape plantings and shade trees. Incorporated into the parking areas, the rain gardens will redirect, capture, and filter water, so as to avoid unhealthy surface water runoff and improve water quality. The new accessible pathways will allow all visitors to move freely throughout the park, and experience the beauty of nature. The site work and grading proposed are necessary to alter the steep slope of the western side of the 20+ foot tall dune, in order to allow for a more gentle, gradual slope for the walkways.

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

The funds will create new permeable, shaded parking lots with associated rain gardens, new ADA accessible walkways throughout the park, and associated site work to install these features.

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

It is anticipated that thousands of local residents will visit the park yearly to enjoy the pathways and the beauty of nature, and to go to the beach. Additionally, there are thousands of children who visit the park every year for field trips to the Little Red Schoolhouse (built in 1886 and relocated to the park) and enjoy the park after their field trip, and it is anticipated that this number of student visitors will be maintained or even increased.

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

There are many varied benefits expected to be achieved through this project, which will be measured by parking counts:

- The project will improve physical and mental health by creating new pathways for passive recreation, surrounded by native plants and the beauty and awe of the natural environment.
- The project will create an enriching cultural experience because the park is currently home to the 1886 Little Red Schoolhouse; believed to be the oldest schoolhouse built for that purpose in the state of Florida. The new parking and pathways will directly link to the schoolhouse, providing increased access to this important cultural and historical asset.
- The project will preserve the environment as it is predicated around restoring the native ecosystems that would have originally existed on the historic barrier island. The parking lots and pathways provide access throughout the park to restored native plantings, improved habitats for wildlife, and educational information.

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?

This project has been in planning and development for over two years, and is on schedule to break ground on July 1, 2023. As such, we do not anticipate failing to meet any deliverables in the contract. We would defer to the contracting agency for any appropriate penalties.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County



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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