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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Center for Conservation Coral Ark & Guest Experience

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dana Young

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/20/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Center for Conservation Coral Ark & Guest Experience

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	2,000,000	2,000,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 2,000,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18
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	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

1. These funds will be used to create an educational guest experience at The Florida Aquarium’s downtown Tampa campus that engages guests on the conservation efforts occurring at the Center for Conservation, highlighting the critical work being led by The Florida Aquarium and Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC) that encourages their engagement at the Center for Conservation location in Apollo Beach. 2. Fully outfit Coral Ark One at the Center for Conservation with life support systems for the most effective regrowth and research on endangered corals.

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

The new and enhanced educational guest experience will occur in The Florida Aquarium’s second largest habitat at the downtown Tampa location. This includes constructing a back of house aquatic support system to quarantine incoming animals and serve as an animal holding area should a medical emergency arise. The collection of marine animals will consist of endangered and non-endangered species, including eagle rays and sea turtles. Guests will see, hear and interact with our team about the critical work being done at the Center for Conservation by The Florida Aquarium and Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC). Additionally, these funds will be used to outfit Coral Ark One in Apollo Beach. It will include smaller closed system tanks and pools to better monitor the corals. The ark will utilize higher filtration methods for the purest and most controlled water for regrowth and maintenance of rescued corals. Research equipment for each of these processes will also be acquired.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Fabrication, infrastructure, filtration and other equipment	2,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		2,000,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

General education of environmental issues and an engaging experience

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

High School and College students as well as general population

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

1. surveyed results of engagement and understanding of critical conservation issues related to our endangered species. 2. The regrowth and outplaning of new coral species.

g. 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?

N/A

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

The Florida Aquarium (FLAQ), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Tampa Electric Company (TECO) have partnered to create The Florida Aquarium's Center for Conservation. The building is owned



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and operated by The Florida Aquarium, and was constructed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) on land leased long term to The Florida Aquarium by Tampa Electric Company (TECO).

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 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
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