



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1650

**1. Title of Project:** Conservation Hub at the IRL Conservation Campus

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Debbie Mayfield

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/13/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

Design and construction of the Conservation Hub portion of the IRL Conservation Campus and Aquarium. This roughly 15,000 square foot facility will house the East Coast Zoological Society's marine conservation programs and will provide a collaborative learning and research facility on the Banana River Portion of the IRL. In this facility researchers from academic institutions like the University of Central Florida and The Florida Institute of Technology will share classroom and meeting spaces as they work with citizens and students to address challenges facing the Indian River Lagoon. This cross-pollination of ideas and approaches is critical to developing effective methods of improving the health of the lagoon. The location of this facility, on the IRL but adjacent to Port Canaveral and route 528, combined with unique resources provided by the aquarium, make this the ideal site to support this work.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? No

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,600,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,600,000	50.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	1,600,000	50.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>3,200,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

**9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No



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**10. 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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design and construction of the Conservation Hub	1,600,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,600,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Goal: To provide a shared work space where researchers from different institutions can work collaboratively with each other, conservation NGOs, students and citizens to develop effective education and conservation programs related to restoring the Indian River Lagoon.

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

The facility will include common work spaces, meeting rooms, classroom, wet labs and storage that can be used by the entire community. Digital displays on the first floor will explain the latest scientific research concerning the IRL and its current status. The upper floor will house the conservation staff associated with the aquarium. It will be free and open to the public

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

Access to informational displays, trained volunteers and research experts to answer their IRL related questions and help them choose the best homeowner and business-related behaviors to help the IRL. Dedicated meeting rooms that can be used for community events and meetings. Opportunities to engage in actual IRL conservation projects.

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

University Researchers: 24 annually, University Students: 240 annually, Elementary, middle and High School Students: 500 annually, Concerned Citizens: 1,000 annually

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

We will track all use of the facility and projects originating from the space.



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- 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?**

Return of funds

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 same entity will receive and own the facility: The East Coast Zoological Society of Florida dba Brevard Zoo.

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** David Keith Winsten
- b. **Organization:** Brevard Zoo
- c. **E-mail Address:** kwinsten@brevardzoo.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (321)254-9453 Ext. 223

14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Brevard Zoo
- b. **County:** Brevard
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** David Keith Winsten
- e. **E-mail Address:** kwinsten@brevardzoo.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (321)254-9453 Ext. 223

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**

**Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only**

16. **Have you applied for alternative state funding?**

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant



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Other (Please describe)

N/A

**17. What is the population economic status?**

Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)

Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)

Rural Area of Economic Concern

Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)

N/A

**18. What is the status of construction? 0**

**19. What percentage of construction has been completed? 0**

**20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 01/12/2022**