



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2290

1. **Project Title** Marine Research Hub of South Florida

2. **Senate Sponsor** Manny Diaz

3. **Date of Request** 01/14/2020

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Marine Research Hub is a collaborative effort to increase marine-related research and economic development between FAU, FIU, NSU, and UM; the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County; the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Alliance; the Miami Beacon Council; and the Marine Industries Association of South Florida.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500000	83.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	100,000	17 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	600,000	100 %

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20	00	500,000	2322B	Yes

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 500,000



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary will be used to hire a full-time Executive Director to coordinate efforts between the universities, state and regional interest groups, the Board of Directors, and other interested parties.	110,000
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits will be used to hire staff familiar with the mission of the Marine Research Hub to market and promote its accomplishments, attract venture capital, and participate in related conferences/educational summits.	40,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses and equipment will be used to establish a permanent facility in which the Marine Research Hub will have its principle office. Travel and supplies will be associated with increasing awareness and promotion of the Marine Research Hub.	125,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services include the costs associated with building a secure technology platform to share proprietary information between the universities, establish an industry/stakeholder database, and collect information to determine economic and industry impact.	225,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

To establish a technology platform and infrastructure from which proprietary information regarding marine and oceanographic-related research may be shared between FIU, FAU, Nova Southeastern University, and UM. This technology platform will allow the universities to share and build off of each other's research, collect industry-related data, determine economic impact of research, and commercialize efforts to ultimately broaden Marine Research Hub's global impact.

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

Marine-related research affects aquaculture, fisheries, pharmaceuticals, tourism, and recreation and contributes to innovations in sectors like biomedicine and biotechnology to the benefit of Floridians and the general population.

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

Direct services include increased tourism and recreation, increased jobs, and increased economic activity.

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

Floridians and the general population.

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

Increasing innovations and discoveries resulting from marine-related research in the biotechnology and biomedical industries; marine-related research that provides solutions for the preservation and protection of various ecosystems and environments; and increased tourism and recreation resulting from marine-related research.

- 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?

Claw-back of dollars.



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12. 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.

n/a

13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. 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
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.