



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1347

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Miami River Commission was created by the Florida Legislature for the purpose of improving economic development as well as protecting the natural areas of the Miami River. The Miami River Commission is mandated by the Florida legislature in section 163.06, F.S., to perform certain functions and make annual reports to the legislature and Governor. While ongoing funding is partially received from Miami-Dade County, City of Miami and private entities, the costs associated with state mandated programs, functions, and compliance of state reporting exceeds what is contributed locally.

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	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</b>

**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)	150,000	30%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	330,000	66%
Other	20,000	4%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years	0	150,000		No

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.

The State of Florida created the Miami River Commission and the requested \$150,000 State cost share (30%) would allow the MRC to provide additional needed services. Alternate funding sources provide \$350,000, which is 70% of the MRC's total budget.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

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.

### 13. 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	Annual payroll and payroll taxes for Miami River Commission	50,000
Other Salary and Benefits	supplies, such as, new plantings, mulch, garbage bags, etc.	3,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Disposal of collected clean-up activities and removal of invasive species. Maintenance and operation of Scavenger Water Decontamination Vessel. Miami River Commission Economic analysis.	97,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Improving the Miami River District's economy and natural environment. Assist job generating business in the Miami River District. Improve the environment via removing illegal dumping, invasive plant species, new plantings, water decontamination, etc. Host public meetings, website, etc. Market and promote the multi-use, multi-cultural, multi-income Miami River District, which includes Miami downtown, Little Havana and Overtown areas.

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

Assisting new private sector businesses to open along the Miami River. Removing illegal dumping materials and invasive plant species clean-up, including state-owned submerged lands. Scavenger Water Decontamination Vessel services, collect floating debris while decontaminating 600,000 gallons of River water per hour, and injecting 150,000 liters of oxygen into the Miami River every hour, significantly improving water quality. Plantings, landscaping, painting over graffiti along the public Riverwalk.

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

Scavenger Water Decontamination Vessel services improving water quality. New plantings, landscaping, painting over graffiti along the public Riverwalk. Assist businesses with due diligence and the processes to open. Assist citizens with any issue related to the Miami River. Host and provide supplies for volunteer Miami River clean up events. Maintain the community vegetable and fruit garden. Frequent updates of the informative website, [www.miamirivercommission.org](http://www.miamirivercommission.org)

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

South Florida which uses the public Riverwalk and its 9 major parks. The Miami River District has the most densely populated neighborhoods in the State of Florida, including downtown Miami, Brickell, Little Havana, Overtown, Allapattah, Durham Park, Spring Garden, Grove Park, and Melrose. Miami River District attracts new businesses, which create new jobs.

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

Significantly improving the Miami River District's economy by assisting businesses and improving it's natural environment by removing garbage, Water Decontamination, new plantings, etc. The outcome will be measured by the number of new businesses, quantity of cubic yards of collected and disposed garbage and invasive plant species, number of gallons of decontaminated Miami River water, number of assisted job generating businesses.

**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?**

Utilize the standard reimbursement contract in which the State only makes payments after the Miami River Commission proves it met the deliverables and performance measures provided for in the contract.

**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

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity



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- 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**