



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2408

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Aquarium (TFAS) is seeking \$500,000 to carry out mission-driven activities that have a positive impact on the local environment while reducing carbon emissions by purchasing 8 electric vehicles (EVs) that will be TFA branded using graphic vinyl wraps. In addition, these funds will allow TFA to install two EV charging stations adjacent to TFA, which will be used to power TFA's EVs. This project supports The Florida Aquarium's goal to become Scope 1 and 2 Net Zero by 2035. The project will serve Broward, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Pasco, Pinellas, and Polk Counties.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	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	500,000	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.

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.

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	Purchase of electric vehicles and installation of two charging stations	500,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this project is to serve more community members and animals while reducing the harmful effects of direct carbon emissions on the environment. This project supports TFA's goal to become Scope 1 and 2 Net Zero by 2035.

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



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

Environmental education outreach programs serving K-12 students; coral restoration (out-planting) in Florida's Coral Reef; community clean-ups to remove debris from local waterways; animal transportation between facilities for highest standard of care and wellbeing; habitat restoration which protects native Florida species

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

The project will serve Broward, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Pasco, Pinellas, and Polk Counties.

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

Enhance/preserve/improve environmental quality: Carbon emissions reduced with EVs compared to vehicles powered by fossil fuels

The outcome will be measured by mileage driven with EVs annually.

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?

Repayment of funds.

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
☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
☐ Local Entity
☐ University or College
☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number