



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2129

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The funds requested would allow the Zoo to implement both physical and technology security components to protect the Zoo against leading threats to our organization and Zoo visitors. These threats include theft and burglary, vandalism, natural disasters, terrorism or sabotage and violence in the workplace. The Zoo will enhance access control and surveillance tools to mitigate threats. It would allow the Zoo to better protect the safety of all visitors, staff, volunteers, and the animals for which it cares. Enhancing the Zoo's physical and technology security plan will help us address our unique concerns and risks. As a cultural attraction that has over 400,000 visitors annually, safety is essential to not only our visitors but to our animals and employees.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	225,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>225,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	225,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>225,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	185,000		No

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

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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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$308,213.00 - Endangered Species COVID-19 Relief reimbursement. The reimbursement funds were awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and AZA for our conservation facility and its work caring for the Eastern Indigo Snake and Stripped Newt during the pandemic.

## 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    
  N/A

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase and install additional surveillance tools and data line infrastructure to enhance ability to monitor and respond quickly to safety and security issues.	225,000
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>225,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Security of the staff & animals at a zoo is critical for the operation & safety of the guests, employees & community at large. The reason that one rarely hears about animals escaping from zoos or attacks is because zoos take this very seriously. However, the cost of security continues to rise & the Central Florida Zoo is in desperate need to upgrade its security infrastructure. The funds allocated by the state would allow the Zoo to enhance its fiber lines & cameras to ensure 24/7 surveillance.

**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?**

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

General population plus Zoo staff and volunteers. The Zoo welcomes more than 400,000 visitors per year.

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

Measure our potential risks and weaknesses on an ongoing basis as they relate to the security controls we have put in place. The Zoo will regularly test our physical security measures to ensure we are protected against the newest threats and vulnerabilities.

**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?**

Pay back pro rata share of funds not used.

**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



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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**