



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3064

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

4. Project/Program Description

Professional and permit costs relating to the planning, permitting, design, engineering, construction management for the construction of the Florida Wildlife Interactive Education Center (FWIEC). These costs will also include costs for the operational design of interactive educational and technology programming through out the FWIEC. The FWIEC will be dedicated to interactively educating residents from all of Florida, and of all ages, on Florida's legacy of preservation, agriculture, ranching and farming as well as to promote sustainable practices and economic growth in the region. The future facility will be located on land provided by the District and within its park system to be constructed by the District or contributed by others.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 6,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 6,000,000 |

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) | 6,000,000 | 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 2024-2025 | 6,000,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

| Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
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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.
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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
 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.

Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District is the independent special district that will own, construct, and operate the facility.

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 | | 0 |
| 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 | Professional and permit costs relating to the planning, permitting, design, engineering, construction management for the construction of the Florida Wildlife Interactive Education Center (FWIEC). These costs will also include costs for the operational design of interactive educational and technology programming through out the FWIEC. The FWIEC will be dedicated to interactively educating residents from all of Florida, and of all ages, on Florida's legacy of preservation, agriculture, ranching a | 6,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 6,000,000 |

14. Program Performance



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

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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?

Residents of Florida that are of all ages, as well as all visitors to Florida that are interested in Florida's legacy of preservation, agriculture, ranching and farming as well as to promote sustainable practices and economic growth in southwest Florida.

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

Completion of the planning, permitting, design, engineering, construction management for the construction of the Florida Wildlife Interactive Education Center (FWIEC) as well as the operational design of interactive educational and technology programming through out the FWIEC.

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?

Standard penalties should be considered after an appropriate cure period.

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)



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- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Independent Special District

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