



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1592

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Downtown Sarasota campus of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens holds the world's best scientifically documented collections of living orchids and bromeliads, which are studied and treasured by botanists from around the globe. Biodiversity has declined by two-thirds in the past 50 years and Selby Gardens is uniquely positioned for coastal, wetland, and global conservation of these plants. The eight greenhouses holding the collections were built in the 1970s and are in need of replacement. Hurricane Ian's catastrophic winds destroyed one of these greenhouses as well as some of the plants inside. In order to prevent future damage to this collection so critical to the world of science, we must begin the planning for a greenhouse complex that is resilient to hurricanes that are expected to become stronger and more frequent in the years to come.

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

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	15%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	28,000,000	85%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	33,000,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.**



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

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

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens received Payroll Protection Program support in both rounds totaling \$1,409,415 as well as \$1,064,544 from the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program. All funds were used to cover payroll costs so no employees were laid off as a result of 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

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.

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is the owner of the property.

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	Plan, design, create construction documents, and begin construction on a hurricane resilient greenhouse. complex that will ensure the world's best scientifically documented collections of living orchids and bromeliads are protected from the impact of future storms.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

14. Program Performance

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?

Plan, design, create construction documents, and begin construction on a hurricane resilient greenhouse complex that will ensure the world's best scientifically documented collections of living orchids and bromeliads are protected from the impact of future storms.

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

Annually, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens provides bayfront sanctuaries connecting more than 286,000 guests from around the region, state, and beyond to air plants of the world, native nature and our regional history. Additionally, we provide educational programming for 11,000 local students each year.

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

General population, tourists, and members of Selby Gardens. We expect to serve more than 286,000 individuals annually with this project.

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

The world's best scientifically documented living collections of orchids and bromeliads will be housed in hurricane resilient structures allowing them to be studied by the world of science for generations to come. This outcome will be measured by resilience of the glasshouse complex to future hurricanes.

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?

All traditional measures and penalties from standard funding agreements with the State will be applied.

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



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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