



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1460

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This request for \$100,000 will support ZooTampa's manatee field response team by acquiring and outfitting an 8-passenger transport vehicle to carry ZooTampa staff and volunteers to assist FWC at manatee release sites. Additionally, it will fund the acquisition of a small jon boat, trailer and accessories for ZooTampa staff and volunteers to assess distressed manatees reported by the public to help determine need for rescue by FWC and then monitor the manatee until FWC can respond.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

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)	100,000	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	100,000	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.

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

Yes



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

Shuttered Venue Operators Grant: \$8 M for operations; PPP 1 & 2: \$4 M total for payroll (loans forgiven); \$40,315 from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences for education programs. There were some pass-through funds from other public and private entities.

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	8-passenger transport vehicle with towing capability; off-road capable; jon boat, trailer and accessories; all outfitted as needed for assistance to FWC with manatee field response	100,000
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)		100,000

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?

ZooTampa staff and volunteers will support FWC manatee field operations, as requested. Activities will include providing additional manpower to move manatees being released from the truck to the water, as heavy equipment is not available at release sites to lift the animal. Additionally, ZooTampa staff and volunteers will assist FWC by assessing the condition of manatees reported by the public as distressed and monitoring the animal until FWC can respond.

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

Through this project, ZooTampa will be better equipped to assist FWC in responding to public calls reporting distressed manatees.

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

The target population served by this project is Florida residents and tourists who experience manatees in the wild and are served by FWC through its manatee field operations.

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

FWC will have additional resources and support to carry out its manatee field operations. ZooTampa will maintain time and activity logs and vehicle use records for these operations to document its service to FWC.

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?

Funds will be returned to the State (FWC) if the project deliverables and performance measures in the contract are not met.

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