



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1656

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Pelican Harbor continues to grow, currently we treat 2,250 native wildlife patients of 125+ different species ranging from hummingbirds to pelicans and bald eagles. We have treated over 9,000 brown pelicans and over 42,000 patients total, with a 60%+ release rate back into the wild to breed and enhance local wildlife populations. This appropriation will help fund the new facility that will allow us to continue to treat these patients in a safe environment.

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	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	43%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,000,000	57%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,750,000	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?

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



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12/23

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/24

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.

This is a non-profit 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	These funds will help support the construction of a new facility that will allow us to expand our care for injured wildlife as well as educate the public on best management practices to avoid these injuries and coastal management issues.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

14. Program Performance

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

Pelican Harbor continues to grow, currently we treat 2,500 native wildlife patients of 125+ different species ranging from hummingbirds to pelicans and bald eagles. We have treated over 9,000 brown pelicans and over 37,000 patients total, with a 50%+ release rate back into the wild to breed and enhance local wildlife populations. This appropriation will help fund the new facility that will allow us to continue to treat these patients in a safe environment.

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



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The public will receive a free green space/park to recharge in nature 365 days a year, as well as multiple environmental education exhibits, exposure to education ambassador animals. Most importantly, all native wildlife patients brought in by the public will receive professional medical care free of charge from our team of veterinarians and staff.

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

The total project is \$11,500,000. The direct services provided to the public from this funding request will help with the construction of a new facility as well as the completion of a nature park, education center, wildlife hospital, manatee viewing location and Tequesta indian archaeological preserve with exhibits.

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

The entire South Florida region and visitors.

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

We will see a increase in community involvement in little river cleanup efforts, better care for more wildlife and education to the public on best management practices involving the environment.

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?

If deliverables are not met (i.e. construction of a native wildlife hospital and environmental education center) the FDEP will issue or reclaim the 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**

e. **E-mail Address**



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number