



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2990

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Selby Gardens proposes to replace our current 1970s glasshouses with state-of-the-art, hurricane-resilient glasshouses to safeguard the world's best scientifically-documented collection of orchids and bromeliads, as well as the other rare and scientifically significant plants that comprise our nearly 13,000 specimen living collection.

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	1,800,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,800,000</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)	1,800,000	5%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	33,200,000	95%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>35,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), \$683,100 - used to keep staff employed during pandemic  
 Shuttered Venue Operators Grant, \$1,064,543.70 - used to support operating expenses and to  
 offset lost earned revenue during the period Selby Gardens was closed to the public because 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    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

November 2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

November 2026

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.

N/A

### 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	evaluation, design, and construction of state-of-the-art, hurricane resilient glasshouses at Selby Gardens' Downtown Sarasota campus.	1,800,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,800,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

The goal of this project is to replace our current, outdated and structurally vulnerable glasshouses with a hurricane-resilient greenhouse complex that will house Selby Gardens' world-renowned living collection.

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



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This funding would help Selby Gardens make more of our living collection available to the public throughout the year. This state-of-the-art facility will also give Selby Gardens the infrastructure to continue our research advancing the study of conservation, orchids, bromeliads, and endangered native plants like the harissa aboriginum (Aboriginal Prickly-apple).

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

A new glasshouse complex would make more of our research collection available to Selby Gardens' over 300,000 annual visitors.

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

The target population is both local and out of town visitors to Selby Gardens' Downtown Sarasota campus. Additionally, the research opportunities that this project will facilitate will benefit the region and the State more broadly.

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

With new, hurricane-resilient glasshouses, Selby Gardens will be able to safeguard our world-renowned living collection, expand access to our over 300,000 annual visitors, expand our research into conservation and botanical science, serve as a demonstration site for sustainable building in the region.

**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
- 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