



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3078

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Hurricane Ian's impact on Southwest Florida's landscape was severe, and our entire region will have to be replanted, from beach dunes to neighborhood trees. Staff and elected officials from local cities and counties are asking for our expertise, as are homeowners' associations and residents. This presents a significant opportunity to introduce healthier landscaping options that will be more resilient and have positive environmental impact for generations to come. And, it won't be any more expensive. Beyond local governments, others in the community asking us to share our knowledge. We have a growing demand from citizens, landscape architects, stormwater managers, landscapers, developers and engineers who want to learn about nature-based solutions to environmental issues. With all of this demand, and the expertise we can deliver, the Garden is becoming a living laboratory, outdoor classroom, and research station.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	800,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>800,000</b>

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)	800,000	40%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,200,000	60%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>2,000,000</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.



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

Yes

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

2 PPP loans and 1 EIDL loan totaling \$2,184,811 were used for staffing and safety.

## 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
<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	Collection expeditions and mother plant acquisitions (\$100,000). Supplies & equipment (\$50,000). New plantings (\$350,000)	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contractual services (\$300,000)	300,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>800,000</b>

14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the Center is to determine nature-based solutions that result in actions that protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural and modified ecosystems in ways that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, while safeguarding biodiversity and improving human wellbeing.



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

The Garden has become the region's resource for information on healthy landscaping and ecological restoration. Environmental professionals and local governments regularly ask our advice on their major landscaping projects. The Garden has formal agreements with the cities of Fort Myers, Naples, Marco Island, Everglades City and Immokalee, and with Collier County, to provide technical assistance and demonstration areas. These projects highlight new choices in the tropical plant palette that are beautiful, cost-effective, more resilient, and help manage and clean stormwater.

**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?**

The general population. Over 200,000 people visit the Garden every year. Residents of Collier County and the surrounding areas will directly benefit from the Garden's close proximity and programs.

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

The Center will allow the Garden to study plants that offer nature-based solutions that enhance existing infrastructure resulting in long-term financial, social, and environmental benefits such as economic growth, green jobs, increased property values, and improvements to public health. Reports from the county, state, and community foundations will provide levels of benefits compared to previous years.

**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?**

Naples Botanical Garden will return state funds that do not meet deliverables or performance measures provided.

**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**