



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1046

**1. Title of Project:** Trout Lake Nature Center New Education Complex

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley

**3. Date of Submission:** 01/18/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

To be able to meet the increasing demand for programs and activities, the Trout Lake Nature Center (the Center) is working to build an ADA accessible, environmentally sustainable education complex. This complex will house additional indoor classrooms, outdoor teaching space, a small meeting room, outdoor bathrooms, and replacement of the interpretive natural history museum. In addition, parking for 100 cars with a safe loading and unloading area for school buses will be provided along with better traffic flow by creating one-way entrance and exit roads. The project also connects to the city sewer thus eliminating two septic tanks and extends our fire water line closer to buildings.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency Contacted? No

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	640,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	860,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	60.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	1,000,000	40.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

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

**9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

**10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director will manage overall project and interface with contractors, agencies, engineers, funders, etc., for approximately 10% of the time.	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	A grants/fundraising contractor has assisted the Center in raising funds to support this project and will continue to do so.	30,000
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	A project manager will be hired to oversee site prep, permitting, construction, etc., of the building.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Furniture and exhibit design and construction; outside facilities and equipment	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Architect and civil and structural engineer are required to develop building design, site plans, permit applications, parking and roadway design. Surveyor is required for all aspects of construction.	300,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Building construction and outside facilities and equipment.	860,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

To meet increasing future demand for services by constructing additional classrooms, meeting space, and replacement of the interpretive museum along with improved safety through construction of one-way exit, improved parking area, connection to city sewer, and extended waterline for fire service.

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

Nature-based education programs will be provided to students, the community, and families. The improvement to facilities will allow for concurrent and overlapping programs, increasing the number of programs and allowing for multi-day programming. A nature-play area can be installed in the open space created, and improved interpretive exhibits will enhance the visitor's experience.

**c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Education programs and events, business retreats, professional development training, and eco-therapy programs.

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



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Currently 8,000 students attend the Center's education programs and it is expected that attendance will increase with this expansion. We have visitors who attend some of the Center's other programs, and use our walking trails, and visit the museum and exhibits.

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

Programs are evaluated using quantitative and qualitative methods, tracking of visitors, participant numbers and online reviews.

**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 in the contract?**

Standard contract penalties.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

The facility is owned by Trout Lake Nature Center, Inc.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** Trout Lake Nature Center
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- d. **Phone Number:** (352)357-7536

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Trout Lake Nature Center
- b. **County:** Lake
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Eileen Tramontana
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**15. Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None



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**c. E-mail Address:**

**d. Phone Number:**