



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1134

1. Title of Project: Downtown Miami Pedestrian Bridge - Phase 1

2. Senate Sponsor: Jason Pizzo

3. Date of Submission: 01/24/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

This funding request is to design, engineer, and permit an over-the-water pedestrian bridge underneath the MacArthur Causeway (I-395) to fully connect and complete the Baywalk, and create a safe pedestrian crossing under a very busy state highway. The bridge will include mangrove and sea grass restoration at its base. When complete the Miami Baywalk will be a nearly 5-mile urban trail and waterfront promenade that has the potential to catalyze new real estate development, increase the value and fiscal potential of surrounding properties, serve as a safe transportation alternative for bicycles and pedestrians, connect to a greater trail and park system, reinforce our coastal resiliency, and strengthen the brand of downtown to business, and residents. This project will eliminate a 100-foot barrier from Museum Park to the former Herald Plaza.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Transportation

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	50.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local	300,000	50.00%
Other		0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	600,000	100.0%

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



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds requested will be fully utilized to cover design costs. This includes surveying, engineering, 30% construction documents and permitting. Once the design phase is finished and the project is shovel-ready, the Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will pledge \$300,000 towards construction with additional matching Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) grants for another \$300,000.	300,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

11. Program Performance:

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

To design, engineer and permit an over-the-water pedestrian bridge underneath the MacArthur Causeway that will fully connect Museum Park to Herald Plaza and complete the Baywalk. As a pedestrian component of the I-395 Bridge Project, the waterfront pedestrian bridge will include mangrove and sea grass restoration as its base, thus enhancing the resiliency of our waterfront.

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

In conjunction with the City of Miami's Office of Capital Improvements (OCI), the DDA will fund \$300,000 for the construction of the pedestrian bridge. Another \$300,000 will be funded by FIND. When the design and engineering are complete, the DDA will then wrap up the permitting process with the relevant agencies, allowing us to begin construction.

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

This pedestrian bridge is the crucial link to the Miami Baywalk. Once complete, it will: (1) be a 4.7 mile pedestrian path/bicycle trail; (2) be a boon to economic development opportunities, and jobs; (3) increase tourism opportunities by creating a unified waterfront promenade for all to enjoy; (4) maximize public access



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and equity by opening it up to everyone, not just property owners; and (5) a transformed active open space, offering a much-needed community resource.

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

This project offers more than 257,000 daytime users and 92,000 residents an active community environment. In terms of demographics, the Miami DDA serves a diverse population, with a diversity index of 73.1. The number of households in the Greater Downtown more than doubled between 2000 and 2014 and trends anticipate adding more than 12,000 new residents within the next 5 years, with the strongest growth in households in the urban core area. Due to this, the Miami DDA is uniquely positioned to ensure maximum impact for a diverse population of all ages through a completed Baywalk project.

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

The first expected outcome is a large increase in the amount of bicyclist/pedestrians users. We are and will continue to track daily users by two pedestrian counters we have installed on the Baywalk. Currently, the Baywalk averages 1,732 average daily users. The second outcome is bike/ped safety. This increase in safety can be tracked by crash statistics captured by the State on Biscayne Blvd. The third outcome is an increase in property tax revenues. The Miami DDA is conducting an economic benefit analysis for this pedestrian bridge; and past comparable studies have shown that similar projects yield a 5-7% increase in property tax revenues for properties within a 1/2 mile radius. We also expect increased sales and sales tax for retail and food and beverage stores within a 1/2 mile radius, as well as increased room rates and occupancy rates for hotels along the Baywalk.

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 Miami Downtown Development Authority

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** The Miami Downtown Development Authority
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)



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- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify) Local entity of the City of Miami

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