



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1328

1. **Title of Project:** Cape Coral Sirenia Vista Park
2. **Senate Sponsor:** Lizbeth Benacquisto
3. **Date of Submission:** 01/24/2019
4. **Project/Program Description:**
 - Phase I involves the design of an Environmental Center, improved parking lot, site work and utility line extension.
 - Sirenia Vista Park is an 8.4-acre environmental park located in Northwest Cape Coral where you can view manatees year-round, especially in the cooler winter months. A variety of migratory bird species visit the park, including a colony of purple martins. Longtime resident ospreys and nearby bald eagles are always present in the park, providing excellent photographic opportunities for visitors.
 - Sirenia Vista is part of the Great Calusa Blueway and a direct access to the Matlacha Aquatic Preserve. Park visitors can kayak or canoe through a nearby mangrove forests and estuaries, fish from an ADA accessible fishing pad, have a picnic overlooking the water, or walk their dogs, while taking in fantastic scenery and generally enjoy nature at its finest.
5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Environmental Protection
State Agency Contacted? Yes
6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	650,000
Total State Funds Requested	650,000

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)	650,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	650,000	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?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 1000000

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		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design of an Environmental Center, improved parking lot, site work and utility line extension.	650,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		650,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Phase I involves the design of an Environmental Center, improved parking lot, site work and utility line extension.

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

Sewer, irrigation, and potable resources to the Sirenia Vista Park. Also, an environmental center.

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

Upon completion of the environmental center, classes will be offered for all ages, pertaining to the natural wonders of Southwest Florida. Programs will include seminars on native wildlife, camps for children, plants, butterflies and aquatic life of Matlacha Pass Aquatic Preserve, with a focus on the resident manatees.

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

Tourists, elderly, students, residents of Cape Coral and Lee County, and visitors from Florida and the surrounding counties of Charlotte and Collier.

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

Improved knowledge of environmental issues facing Southwest Florida, camps for children, and increased knowledge through the Environmental Center. Camps and after school activities will provide new learning opportunities. Enhance, preserve, improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality. Preserves the Manatee



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habitat. Draw tourists to the community with this destination opportunity. Improve wastewater management. Not having a septic system could cause leeching.

- 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?**

None

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.**

n/a

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** City of Cape Coral
- b. **County:** Lee
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** None
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