



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1477

1. Title of Project: Centennial Park Restoration Project

2. Senate Sponsor: Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. Date of Submission: 02/12/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

\$1.5M for Centennial Park equipment replacement; the facility is an 11-acre park located in historic downtown Fort Myers on the scenic banks of the Caloosahatchee River, hosting special events and attracting in excess of 250,000 citizens annually, with playground equipment that is 26 years old. Replacement of equipment will expand the play area and comply with ADA requirements to provide activities for children with special needs. The master plan is currently being updated.

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	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	73.96%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local	300,000	14.79%
Other	228,000	11.24%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,028,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		228,000	2224M	Yes

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

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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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	Landscaping, turf reseeded, park and playground equipment, public amenity upgrades, electrical upgrades, and public restroom refurbishment	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Replace playground equipment and add handicap accessibility to a park visited by more than 250,000 people annually. Refurbish public restrooms and amenities in park including grounds, vegetation, pavilions, and outdoor programmable spaces.

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

Increase play activities from 24 to 55 sites and provide handicap accessibility, refurbish public restrooms and amenities.

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

Increased visitation and increased revenue to local restaurants, shops, and the children's museum.

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

City of Fort Myers' residents and visitors.

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

Increased visitation of facilities and opportunities for wellness programming, engaging the population in fitness and health activities.

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.

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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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