



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2261

1. Title of Project: Miami River Commission

2. Senate Sponsor: Oscar Braynon

3. Date of Submission: 03/04/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Miami River Commission was created by the Florida Legislature for the purpose of improving economic development as well as protecting the natural areas of the Miami River. The Commission is mandated by the Florida Legislature in s. 163.06, F.S., to perform certain functions and make annual reports to the Legislature and the Governor. While ongoing funding is partially received from the Miami-Dade Commission as well as private entities, the costs associated with compliance of state reporting and state mandated functions exceeds what is contributed locally.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

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)	150,000	50.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local	150,000	50.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	150,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		150,000	1613A	Yes

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$150,000



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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	Annual payroll and payroll taxes for Miami River Commission operations.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies ie plants, mulch, garbage bags, etc.	3,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Removal and disposal of garbage and invasive plant species (\$47,000). Scavenger Water Decontamination Vessel (\$35,000). Miami River Economic Analysis (\$15,000).	97,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		150,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Improving the Miami River District's economy and natural environment. Assist job generating business in the Miami River District. Improve the environment via removing illegal dumping, invasive plant species, new plantings, water decontamination, etc. Host public meetings, website, etc. Market and promote the multi-use, multi-cultural, multi-income Miami River District which includes Miami downtown, Little Havana, and Overtown areas.

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

Removing illegal dumping materials and invasive plant species clean-up, including state-owned submerged lands. Scavenger Water Decontamination Vessel services, collect floating debris while decontaminating 600,000 gallons of river water per hour, and injecting 150,000 liters of oxygen into the Miami River every hour, significantly improving water quality. Plantings, landscaping, painting over graffiti along the public Riverwalk.

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

Scavenger Water Decontamination Vessel services improving water quality. New plantings, landscaping, and painting over graffiti along the public river walk. Assist businesses with due diligence and the processes to open. Assist citizens with any issue related to the Miami River. Host and provide supplies for volunteer Miami River clean up events. Maintain the community vegetable and fruit garden. Frequent updates of the informative website, miamirivercommission.org.



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

South Florida, which uses the public river walk and its 9 major parks. The Miami River District has the most densely populated neighborhoods in the state of Florida, including downtown Miami, Brickell, Little Havana, Overtown, Allapattah, Durham Park, Spring Garden, Grove Park, and Melrose. Miami River District attracts new businesses which create new jobs.

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

Significantly improving the Miami River District's economy by assisting businesses and improving its natural environment by removing garbage, water decontamination, new plantings, etc. The outcome will be measured by the number of cubic yards of collected and disposed garbage and invasive plant species, the number of gallons of decontaminated Miami River water, and the number of assisted job generating businesses.

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?

Utilize the standard reimbursement contract in which the state only makes payments after the Miami River Commission proves it met the deliverables and performance measures provided for in the contract.

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

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Miami River Commission
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
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