



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2331

1. Title of Project: The Bay Park, Sarasota, FL

2. Senate Sponsor: Joe Gruters

3. Date of Submission: 03/06/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Bay Park Master Plan was developed over a 12-month process in 2017/2018 that included over 60 public workshops and meetings, as well as receipt of over 7,500 written and on-line surveys from the community. The Bay Park Master plan was approved on September 6, 2018, by the City of Sarasota. The land will continue to be owned by the City of Sarasota, with the design, implementation, and operation performed on behalf of the City by Sarasota Bayfront Planning Organization/Bay Park Conservancy. Phase 1 of the Bay Park will provide passive and active recreation opportunities and access to the community at events for people of all ages, incomes, and ethnicities. The funds requested will match funds provided from multiple public and private sources, and over \$3 million has already been pledged by local private foundations and donors.

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	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

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)	1,200,000	5.94%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,000,000	4.95%
Local	6,000,000	29.70%
Other	12,000,000	59.41%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	19,000,000	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. \$1,000,000

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 and construction documents, permitting, and construction of Phase I of the Bay Park.	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Design, permitting, and construction of Phase I (9 acres) of the 53-acre Bay Park.

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

The funds will assist in the design and construction of Phase 1 of the Bay Park which will provide passive and active recreation opportunities and access to the outdoor community and educational events for people of all ages, incomes, and ethnicities.

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

Passive and active recreation, programmed and educational events, and other activities at a community park. The educational programs will include a outdoor living-learning laboratory to teach environmental awareness and showcase the improved before-after water quality benefits of the park.

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

The target population to be served will be users of all ages, ethnicities, and incomes; from families to school children to the elderly residents and visitors alike. Also, as with any great public park, special accommodations will be made to provide access and amenities for those with disabilities.

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



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The expected benefits as a result of this project include: improved physical and mental health measured by attendance at the park; an enriched cultural experience measured by attendance at arts and cultural events held at the park; enhanced/preserved/improved environmental conditions as measured by the quality/quantity of untreated storm water before the project, and pretreated storm water after completion; increased/improved economic activity and tourism as measured by before and after attendance at the park and out-of-state attendees and dollars spent; creation of specific immediate job opportunities as measured by actual jobs during the project construction, and jobs created by new events after the park opening.

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?

The non profit Bay Park Conservancy will have contractual remedies to consultants and contractors to remedy failure to perform. The risk is extremely low as the leadership of the organization has designed and built over 30 parks, and the funds requested are a small portion, and matching dollars, of the total cost of Phase 1 of the park. Standard contract penalties for the contract between the city and state are sufficient.

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 City of Sarasota.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** SBPO/Bay Park Conservancy
- c. **E-mail Address:** bill.waddill@sbpo.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (941)266-1717

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** SBPO (and its successor 501(c)(3) the Bay Park Conservancy
- b. **County:** Sarasota
- 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:** William Waddill
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None



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- b. Firm Name:** None
- c. E-mail Address:**
- d. Phone Number:**