



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2408

1. **Title of Project:** Manatee Transport Vehicle

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Darryl Rouson

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/21/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

ZooTampa is the only manatee rescue and recovery facility on the west coast of Florida. To date, we've treated more than 450 manatees at a cost of more than \$1,000,000 each year. Currently, these transfer and releases require our staff to rent a vehicle large enough to hold a full grown manatee. Transport requires our staff to have access at all times and many rental vehicles aren't equipped to manage that. We are requesting funding for a box truck to be used for manatee rescue and release.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	50,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	50,000

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)	50,000	76.9%
Federal		0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.0%
Local		0.0%
Other	15,000	23.1%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	65,000	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

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	Vehicle to transport rescued and released manatees to and from ZooTampa's manatee hospital back into the wild	50,000
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		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		50,000

11. Program Performance:

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

A vehicle allows ZooTampa to transport injured manatees in the wild with ease to the Zoo's premiere manatee hospital in order to treat them and then return them to the wild after they are rehabilitated.

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

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

Conservation of the manatee population for the citizens of the state of Florida.

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

Since the beginning of the program ZooTampa has treated over 450 manatees

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

Enhance and preserve the manatee population through treatment of injured manatees.

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?

Reversion of funds

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.

ZooTampa will receive the funds

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization:** ZooTampa at Lowry Park
- b. County:** Hillsborough
- 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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