



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2544

**1. Title of Project:** Hurricane Michael - Gulf Specimen Marine Lab

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

**3. Date of Submission:** 03/04/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory was seriously impacted by Hurricane Michael. GSML sustained damage to its sea water and life support systems, which are crucial parts of the facility. Without those systems the facility can't operate. GSML staff is currently working with FEMA to identify all damages and to recover costs incurred due to Hurricane Michael impacts. The current damage inventory listed in the FEMA Grants Portal is approximately \$801,000. FEMA will potentially pay 75 percent of that total, but will leave GSML responsible for the other 25 percent, which will be as much as \$200,000. Funding is being requested to offset the 25 percent that FEMA will not pay. These funds will be used to return GSML to pre-storm conditions by repairing damages caused by Hurricane Michael.

**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	200,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>200,000</b>

**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)	200,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>		<b>100.0%</b>

**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



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The funds that are being requested will be used to repair damages to GSML's facilities that were caused by Hurricane Michael. GSML is currently working with FEMA, and has identified over \$800,000 in damages that are listed in the grants portal. GSML is requesting the 25 percent, or \$200,000, that FEMA does not pay so that repairs can be completed that are critical to the facility and specimens that are housed there.	200,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>200,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

The purpose of the requested funds is to return Gulf Specimen Marine Lab to pre-storm conditions, which will allow the facility to begin operating at full capacity, including educational programs, the public aquarium, and biological supply. While making those repairs, GSML will employ local residents and contractors which will also be a benefit for the local community and economy.

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

GSML staff provides guided educational tours to school groups, universities, and families. These tours provide participants with knowledge about local ecosystems and animals and allows them to see the ecosystems and animals first hand. Through these programs and the self guided tours of the public aquarium, GSML contributes to local tourism.

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

Gulf Specimen Marine Lab hosts more than 250 regional schools each year, which totals to more than 26,000 students who visit the facility. These field trips are exciting and educational for school groups and can often be linked to current curriculum standards used by the teachers. These field trips give students an opportunity to learn many marine science topics through a hands on experience. GSML also has a traveling aquarium, the Sea Mobile, which visits disadvantaged and title 1 school children that are unable to make the trip to the facility.



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This allows GSML to bring the "sea" to these students, providing an opportunity for these kids to see and touch animals that they may never have an opportunity to see otherwise.

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

The regional areas that are targeted by this project are North and Central Florida. GSML expects to serve an estimated 125,000 people through the public aquarium and outreach programs. GSML is able to reach so many people through its various programs, the public aquarium, and tours, the Sea Mobile (which visits schools and festivals), and other programs such as summer camps and beach exploration tours.

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

The expected outcome of this project is to return Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory to the same condition it was in before Hurricane Michael. This will allow GSML staff to return to their normal daily duties of providing educational programs, outreach programs, and collecting specimens. The method of measuring this outcome will be that all Hurricane Michael related damages will be repaired and the facility will be operating at full capacity.

**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 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.**

Gulf Specimen Company, Inc.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory, Inc.
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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory, Inc.
- b. **County:** Wakulla
- 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

b. **Firm Name:** None

c. **E-mail Address:**

d. **Phone Number:**