



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1481

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Florida Aquarium requests \$1.5 million in capital appropriations to build a Coral Research Laboratory and Visitors Center. This new facility will triple the sexual reproduction of genetically-diverse coral colonies at the Center for Conservation in Apollo Beach through cutting edge advancements in induced spawning. Leading scientists and researchers from The Florida Aquarium, university partners, and FWC will partner in this effort. Additionally, visitors will be able to see the work done in our coral research laboratory and learn how they impact our oceans.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
 State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1,500,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1500000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	1,500,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Fabrication of Coral Research Laboratory (600 sq. ft.), Induced Spawning Chambers (1,400 sq. ft.), and Visitors Center (1,100 sq. ft.)	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

This state-of-the-art coral research laboratory will enable The Florida Aquarium to significantly expand our ability to reproduce and grow endangered coral, with the ultimate goal of repopulating Florida's devastated coral reefs. Additionally, visitors will be able to see the work done in our coral research laboratory and learn how they impact our oceans.

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

Our restoration approach, unlike others, focuses entirely on sexual reproduction through lab-induced spawning aimed at creating new genetic individuals and increasing genetic diversity. Lab-induced spawning is the way of the future and The Florida Aquarium is an internationally recognized leader in this technique.

- c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

General education of the coral crisis and how conservation can help restore the Florida Reef Tract.

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

High School and University/College students assisting and learning about coral conservation. Visitors will be introduced to the coral crisis within the Florida Reef Tract, see firsthand the scientific advancements made at the Coral Research Laboratory, and learn how conservation can restore reefs.

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

Surveyed results of engagement and understanding of critical conservation issues related to Florida's threatened coral population, as well as the regrowth and outplanting of new coral species.

- 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?

Funds revert to the state.



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12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

The owner and entity are the same.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- For-profit Entity
 - Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.