



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1064

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

4. Project/Program Description

Naples Botanical Garden is developing a 75,000-square-foot Horticulture Campus that will enable it to better meet Southwest Florida's environmental challenges, while contributing to global conservation efforts and enhancing its 170-acre property, a major tourism draw for Collier County. State-of-the-art greenhouses, well-equipped laboratories, expansive nurseries, and new technology will allow the Garden to develop nature-based solutions to issues such as intensifying storms, warming temperatures, shoreline erosion, polluted stormwater runoff, and declining pollinator populations. The Horticulture Campus will allow the Garden to produce plants that are beneficial to Southwest Florida's unique environment but difficult to find in the commercial landscape trade.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	750,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$1 million, Paycheck Protection Program
\$150,000, Small Business Administration
Both loans were used for payroll.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	State funds will support construction of the campus' core facilities, including the greenhouse, shade house, propagation house, potting house and sun nursery.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Horticulture Campus represents the next phase in Naples Botanical Garden's development and its ability to better serve the region as an environmental resource, educational institution, and a significant tourism draw for Collier County.

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

The Horticulture Campus will enable Naples Botanical Garden to:

- a) research and introduce environmentally-friendly, sustainable landscaping plants best suited for subtropical South Florida that can enhance water quality, reduce beach erosion, support pollinators, and provide wildlife habitat.
- b) identify, grow, and share plants that thrive in nutrient-poor environments, withstand storms, and tolerate rising temperatures.
- c) expand community partnerships with environmental organizations and local governments.
- d) educate citizens, landowners, and landscaping professionals about sustainable landscaping options and techniques.

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

Southwest Florida faces numerous environmental threats, ranging from hurricanes to floods to sea-level rise to nutrient pollution to disease-bearing pests. Naples Botanical Garden educates local governments and environmental groups on how to use plants to mitigate these threats, protecting citizens' quality of life and the region's economy. The Horticulture Campus will advance these goals.

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



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The expanding growing capabilities ultimately will benefit:

- a) The citizens of Southwest Florida (more than 1 million residents in Lee and Collier alone).
- b) The Garden's 250,000 annual visitors.

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

In tandem with the horticulture center's opening, we intend to expand our educational offerings on topics such as using plants to purify storm water, choosing plants that are designed for the region's subtropical climate, and growing plants that are known to tolerate stressors such as storms and heat. Our audiences include: landscapers and other industry professionals; public entities such as county/municipal natural resources and storm water management departments; and homeowners associations. We will track participants and offer post-workshop assessments to measure learning gains.

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 the contract?

We will return state funds that are not matched by private donor funds.

13. 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.

Naples Botanical Garden, a 501(c)(3) organization, will own this facility outright.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

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

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

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