



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1081

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

4. Project/Program Description

The East Coast Zoological Society of Florida dba Brevard Zoo is the process of planning and funding the development of a world-class aquarium on a second campus in Port Canaveral. The Aquarium and Conservation Campus will be located on an ideal 14-acre site perched on the shore of the Banana River with direct access to Route 528, the major beach tourism access route. There is no major aquarium along the I95 Corridor south of Charleston and an economic impact study conducted by the Space Coast Office of Economic Development identified that the aquarium would provide a minimum of \$89 million in annual economic impact in 2017 and create more than 900 jobs.

The request is for assistance with the first phase of construction: site work. The total request is \$950,000 of support – with estimated total cost for this phase being \$1.4 million.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	950,000
Total State Funds Requested	950,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	950,000	68%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	450,000	32%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,400,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	500,000	2236A	No

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.



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

Yes

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

\$2,250,000 for zoo operations

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	Preparing the site for construction and connecting to infrastructure	950,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		950,000

12. Program Performance

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

Brevard Zoo is in the process of planning and funding the development of a world-class aquarium on a second campus in Port Canaveral. The Aquarium and Conservation Campus will be located on an ideal 14-acre site perched on the shore of the Banana River with direct access to Route 528, the major beach tourism access route. There is no major aquarium along the I95 Corridor south of Charleston and an economic impact study conducted by the Space Coast Office of Economic Development identified that the aquarium would provide a minimum of \$89 million in annual economic impact in 2017 and create more than 900 jobs.

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

This first phase of construction will prepare the site and connect with infrastructure improvements (sewer and storm) and is estimated to cost \$1.4 million

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

A significant economic impact on the community through jobs and sales.
The attraction of valuable human capital to the Space Coast.
Funding for restoration and research projects across the entire length of the Indian River Lagoon.
Education for over ½ million people annually on how to help preserve and restore waterways.
Recreation for over 500,000 annually.

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

The entire state of Florida with an emphasis on Brevard County.

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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There is no major aquarium along the I95 Corridor south of Charleston and an economic impact study conducted by the Space Coast Office of Economic Development identified that the aquarium would provide a minimum of \$89 million in annual economic impact in 2017 and create more than 900 jobs. In addition, ticket sales would generate \$500,000 annually for Indian River Lagoon restoration projects.

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?

Standard contract penalties will be sufficient.

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.

The East Coast Zoological Society of Florida dba Brevard Zoo is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit managed by an unpaid, elected board of directors.



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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