



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1303

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding to build an Environmental Education Center at Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. The center be used to host all educational activities and educate 200,000+ public school children annually about the importance of wildlife and environmental conservation for many years to come.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	25%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,497,686	75%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,997,686	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.

Private funds.

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

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



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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	Funds will be spent on a portion of necessary concrete, masonry, metals, carpentry, thermal & moisture protection, doors & windows, finishes, specialties, equipment, furnishings, and electrical system of the Environmental Education Center.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose we are requesting funding for is to build an Environmental Education Center. The center will be used to host all educational activities and educate 200,000+ public school children annually about the importance of wildlife and environmental conservation for many years to come.

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

Environmental Education Center will be the centerpiece of Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. Our goal in designing the facility is to highlight the ever-changing landscape of Florida, our impact on wildlife that we share our environment with, and how children and state residents can help preserve our precious natural resources

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

We offer a variety of everyday public programs with the goal of educating about Florida wildlife and the importance of environmental conservation. Open 6 days a week with free admission, the Sanctuary's permanent collection of approx. 200 animals are on display and provide hands-on learning opportunities & interactive displays to first hand about human impact on the environment & wildlife.

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

More than 200,000 school children from across Florida. Additional visitors include FL residents and tourists.

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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- 1) This unique facility offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn about nature while providing a sanctuary for wildlife and people. We have something for everyone; young and old alike. From story time for parents with toddlers to family night-walks, education activities appeal to a broad range of people. This will be measured by the number of guests who visit.
- 2) Children tend to perform better on standardized tests and have fewer attendance problems if they spend time outside. Measured by the number of students from across Florida who take field trips to Busch Wildlife Sanctuary to enhance their science curriculum and take part in our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) related educational content.
- 3) Busch Wildlife Sanctuary serves Florida by helping sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. The public bring them to our hospital or a member of our trained, volunteer rescue team retrieve animals that are too dangerous for the public to intercept.

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?

Return of the 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.

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization and will be the sole recipient of any fixed capital outlay funds.



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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