



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1373

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

4. Project/Program Description

State funds will help fund the construction of a newly designed Huizenga Park, a 2-acre park located in the heart of Downtown Fort Lauderdale, FL. The park vision is for a reimagined, reactivated, and reclaimed urban waterfront park centered around culture, resiliency, wellness, and equitable access for all. The improved park space will provide a multi-generational appeal and be a place where park visitors are introduced to a vibrant outdoor lifestyle to boost health and well-being, while connecting with their neighbors. Jobs will be created with the addition of new concession spaces, increased park programming, and enhanced park maintenance and operations. Construction elements include, but is not limited to: demolition, site drainage, water and sewer, earthwork/grading, landscape & irrigation, site furnishing, lighting, hardscape surfaces, educational exhibits, pet-friendly and kid-friendly amenities, signage, and fountain renovation.

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	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,700,940	32%
Other	2,735,000	51%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	5,385,940	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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No

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

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 help fund a portion of construction activities, which may include, but is not limited to: demolition, site drainage, water and sewer, earthwork/grading, landscape & irrigation, site furnishing, lighting, hardscape surfaces, educational exhibits, pet-friendly and kid-friendly amenities, signage, and fountain renovation.	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?

There are three specific goals of the Huizenga Park Capital Project:

- Improve equitable access for all ages, backgrounds, and abilities by diversifying park activation and increasing everyday usability.
- Support positive wellness and mental health by providing a respite for physical recreation and social connections.
- Enhance environmental resilience by improving stormwater management, adding shade trees, and providing urban refuge for local fauna.

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

The construction of a reimagined Huizenga Park will create a signature space that can be activated on a year-round basis providing enhanced recreational, educational, and cultural amenities to DowntownFTL residents, employees, and visitors.

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

A reimagined Huizenga Park will provide the public a park venue that can support a wide variety of activities and services, which could include: health & wellness classes, recreation programs, areas for passive use, access to high quality public art installations, shaded walking paths, and outdoor meeting rooms.

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

The improved park space will provide a multi-generational appeal to a wide-range of the population. The park is anticipated to serve hundreds of thousands of individuals on an annual basis (between events, programmed activities and services, and passive park usage).



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

1. Improved physical and mental health, 2) enrichment of cultural experiences, 3) improved quality of education, 4) improved safety, 5) increased economic viability, and 6) improved stormwater management. Methodology: Outcomes will be tracked by a community survey the DDA will conduct on a regular basis on how the park and specific elements are contributing to physical and mental health, satisfaction of cultural offerings, and the perception of safety. The number of events and activations (with attendance) will also be tracked. The frequency that park space is reserved by neighboring educational institutions and incorporated into existing program offerings will also be tracked. The number of crimes reported in/nearby the park and the number of civilian complaints will be monitored. Annual revenues of on-site concessions annual property value changes of nearby properties will be documented. Flood levels will be tracked and flood related claims will be documented.

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?

Consistent with language included in prior State funding agreements, repayment of grants funds will be required for non-performance, if funds are provided in advance. If the grant agreement is on a reimbursement basis then no state funding to be dispersed until satisfaction of defined milestones.

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 Downtown Development Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale, the requesting agency, owns the Huizenga Park and will manage all funds and project activities related to design, construction, and operations of the Park.



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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) Independent Special Taxing District

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