



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1384

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

4. Project/Program Description

Lake Wyman/Rutherford Park is an 8.3 acre ecological waterfront park with existing pavilions, walking paths, restrooms, and boardwalk. The city solicited public input with the final project conceptual design approved by the Parks and Recreation Board. The project will consist of restoration of wetland resources with the creation of mangrove habitat, removal of invasive non-native material, and the creation of a coastal hammock with educational walking path, enhancement of an educational canoe/kayak trail system, construction of a fishing/observation pier, and repair of existing and construction of new educational boardwalks. The total estimated cost of the restoration project is \$5,360,000, of which the city has pledged 50% in its Capital Improvement Program. The restoration project will increase educational and recreational opportunities for citizens of all ages.

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	2,680,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,680,000

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)	2,680,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,680,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	5,360,000	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.

CARES Act dollars for fire rescue patient transport at \$97,000 and DOJ funding for police at \$58,000.

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 utilized to support the creation of mangrove habitat, restore and enhance an educational canoe/kayak trail system, remove highly invasive non-native vegetation, create a coastal hammock with educational walking path, repair and construct new educational boardwalks, and construct a fishing and observation pier within the ecological waterfront park.	2,680,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,680,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Boca Raton City Council has established goals which align with the purpose of the restoration of Lake Wyman/Rutherford Park. The design process and park features link to strong partnership with the community, world class municipal services, vibrant and sustainable city, and a financially sound city. This project is part of a multi-year, city-wide effort to redevelop its waterfront parks and ecosystems to increase recreational and educational opportunities, environmental benefits, and access to the waterfront. The project will enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to the City of Boca Raton.

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

The project entails the restoration of wetland resources and the creation of mangrove habitat, the removal of highly invasive non-native vegetation, the creation of a coastal hammock with educational walking path, the restoration and enhancement of an educational canoe/kayak system, the construction of an observation pier, and the repair and construction of new educational boardwalks. These activities will directly support the overall goal of increasing recreational and educational opportunities in the City of Boca Raton while at the same time benefiting local ecologically sensitive waterways.

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



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This project will turn an under-utilized park that is primarily overgrown with predominantly non-native and invasive vegetation into a beautiful natural area that provides citizens with a myriad of educational and recreational opportunities. Residents and non-residents will have direct access to all of the waterfront park's features, including an educational canoe/kayak trail, recreational fishing, and safe boardwalks and walking trails through this restored natural south Florida habitat. Adults and children alike will have the opportunity to learn about the natural environment of Boca Raton.

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

The target population to be served by this project includes all citizens of the City of Boca Raton, along with tourists and other visitors. The city has an estimated population of approximately 100,000 residents, with a high winter influx of tourists.

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

The construction of this project will benefit all citizens, who will have complete access to the waterfront park. The increased recreational and educational opportunities accrued from this project will lead to improvements to quality-of-life and life enjoyment, and will be measured by documentation of usage. Additionally, the project is expected to have positive environmental benefits by the creation of new mangrove habitats which will be home to many highly sought recreational fish species, with those same mangrove habitats serving to also help reduce pollutants and help protect the shoreline from severe storm events and sea-level-rise.

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?

Reduced levels of reimbursement may be considered if deliverables are not achieved as proposed. Standard contract penalties are 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.

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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