



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1880

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Zephyr Lake Park will compliment the personality of Zephyrhills and serve to unify its diverse population by offering a public space that serves the needs of many. The park is within walking distance to the city's historic urban core. This blended urban/natural park will provide spaces to escape, engage, and explore while learning the history of Florida and the extraordinary role water plays in Florida. The water from the park drains into the Hillsborough River. The location provides a needed connection to downtown while promoting the economic development and expansion of the downtown area, the park will provide the catalyst for private sector investment in the surrounding area. This 55 acre park will provide connections that spark an economic renaissance in Zephyrhills. Zephyr Park and its unique design will draw residents, visitors, and investors to the opportunities in the east Pasco area.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	5,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

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.

\$51,958.98 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the preparation, prevention, and response of COVID-19.
 \$69,000 from the Federal Aviation Administration for infrastructure maintenance.

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	Design, enhance, and reconstruct a 55 acre urban park including drainage, parking, landscaping, restrooms, nature, children's area, walking, and biking trails.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

The funds will be utilized to stimulate economic development in a quickly growing region of Pasco County by providing a catalyst for the connection to and expansion of the urban core of Zephyrhills.

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

The mission of the Zephyr Lake Park is to enrich the community through nature, culture, recreation, and education. The park serves to unify the city's diverse population offering public spaces that will serve the needs of many by providing engaging and diverse opportunities in education and recreation. Interpretative elements along the lake will show visitors how pollution can be prevented from entering waterways by cleaning stormwater runoff. The children's area will be designed to let a kid have fun: running and playing in water, enjoying the incredible tree canopy, or engaging in hands on learning about the ecology of Florida.

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

Located in the city's urban area creates a prime opportunity to provide educational exhibits highlighting the arts along with the area's agricultural, industrial, and cultural assets. The park will also serve as a place to connect people socially with the large central event lawn for concerts and festivals. The range of activities planned for the park will support physical and social equity for all park visitors in an effort to reinforce shared experiences and forge new connections within this growing and changing community.

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



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Zephyr Lake Park will welcome and serve visitors of all ages and backgrounds from throughout the east Pasco area and connect neighborhoods with new walking and biking paths. The park will be designed to meet and engage the needs of thousands of visitors each month.

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

Whether hosting a children's interactive play or a seniors' tai chi class, Zephyr Lake Park will promote physical and mental health for all ages. Studies show parks attract non-resident visitors who put new dollars into the local economy. Proximity to parks enhances the value of residential and commercial properties. Success will be measured by participation in events and programs and the increase in land value surrounding the park.

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?

Loss of funding. 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.

The City of Zephyrhills.



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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