



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2117

**1. Project Title**

**2. Senate Sponsor**

**3. Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

At the downtown Sarasota campus of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, construction has been started on Phase One of the Master Plan. A key aspect of Phase One is increasing accessibility and access for the community through the widening and consistency of pathways, ADA accessibility features, and designated parking and drop off locations. For example, there will be a designated site for veterans and their service animals to enter the campus safely.

**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	900,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>900,000</b>

**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)	900,000	2%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,100,000	2%
Local	0	0%
Other	43,000,000	96%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>45,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding?**  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	600,000	2272	No

**9. Is future funding likely to be requested?**  No

**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?**

Yes



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

Selby Gardens received both Payroll Protection Program support in the first two rounds (\$502,500 1st round; \$906,915 2nd round) to protect payroll for all employees and received a Shuttered Venue Operator Grant (\$1,064,544) for further payroll protection.

#### 11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Preservation and leveling of the historic Palm Ave to transform it into a pedestrian thoroughfare through the heart of the downtown Sarasota campus, creation of designated entry and protected drop off location in front of the new Welcome Center for disabled visitors, and widening of public access trail around the perimeter of downtown Sarasota campus for the public to enjoy.	900,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>900,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

Financial support for Selby Gardens will ensure that the downtown Sarasota campus becomes accessible to all in the community.

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

Selby Gardens will widen traditional pedestrian pathways around the perimeter of the downtown Sarasota campus for greater access for people of all abilities, create a primary pedestrian thoroughfare through the heart of the downtown Sarasota campus, and build a designated space for safe drop off and pick up in front of the new Welcome Center. The improved perimeter pathways, part of a multi-use recreational trail, will lead to a pocket park on Sarasota Bay - making access to the waterfront possible for all.

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

Selby Gardens welcomes more than 244,000 visitors annually across two campuses. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, many guests originate from outside of Florida. By providing greater access at the downtown Sarasota campus, Selby Gardens hopes to welcome communities who traditionally do not have the same level of engagement with attractions like this because of a lack of infrastructure.

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

Selby Gardens welcomes all ages and demographics through 244,000 annual visitors including 11,000 school children. This project will impact adults and children with disabilities.

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



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be measured?

All visitors to Selby Gardens will be able to enjoy the amenities of the downtown Sarasota campus benefiting from access to nature and educational programs about the world class collections, conservation, and preservation efforts. Selby Gardens provides visitors with regular experience surveys to provide feedback evaluating their visits and overall experience to ensure continued improvement.

**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?**

All traditional measures and penalties from standard funding agreements with the state will be applied.

**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 Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Inc., is a 501(c)3 nonprofit 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