



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1079

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

To support environmental resilience workforce development through EcoExplorers, a year-long paid education and training internship for 75 high school students from underserved communities. The project will support our region's resilience efforts by developing a better skilled and educated workforce able to support Florida's Statewide Resilience Action Plan and aligns with Governor DeSantis' goal for leading the nation in workforce education by 2030. The project will impact 450,000 annual visitors from at least 50 of Florida's 67 counties, including 90,000 students on field trips.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	450,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	25%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	7,000	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,776,632	60%
Other	441,000	15%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>2,974,632</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

SBA Shuttered Venue Operators Grant - \$1,634,051 for utilities, insurance, maintenance  
 SBA Paycheck Protection Program - \$1,471,525 for staff salaries  
 SBA Employee Retention Credit - \$768,712 for staff salaries  
 Broward County Division of Cultural Affairs Supplemental Grant - \$20,000 for staff salaries  
 State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs CARES Grant - \$2,049 for utilities

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning   
  Design   
  Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

09/30/2024

12. List 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 Museum of Discovery and Science will receive and manage all fixed capital outlay funding.

### 13. 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	The Museum and its project donors will cover all administrative costs.	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	Funding for the EcoExplorer Intern Program to engage 75 students as environmental resilience educators, for a year-long internship program: 20 hours of paid internships per month during the school year and 80 hours of paid internships during the summer.	253,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Education and training supplies, Museum uniforms, Everglades field excursion expenses, public bus passes and lunch during workdays for interns.	46,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Fabrication and upgrades to Museum resilience exhibits. This is as a critical component of their workforce development, education, and training and will impacting 450,000 annual visitors from at least 50 of Florida's 67 counties.	450,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,000</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

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

MODS will support environmental resilience workforce development through a year-long paid education and training internship for 75 high school students from underserved communities. The project will support regional resilience efforts by developing a better skilled and educated workforce able to support Florida's Statewide Resilience Action Plan and pursue careers in the resilience field.

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

The project will broaden civic engagement in resilience issues, showcase the work of university researchers and sustainable industries, build community resilience by empowering the public to take personal action, inspire and train young people to pursue the demand for resilience jobs and develop a better skilled workforce that results in a more sustainable Florida.

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

The project will serve 450,000 annual visitors, including adults, children, parents and grandparents from at least 50 Florida counties, as well as 90,000 students and teachers on field trips annually. 75 high school students, primarily from low-income families residing in underserved Broward communities, will participate in the EcoExplorers year-long paid resilience workforce development internship.

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

The project will develop a skilled and educated workforce of young adults, inspire them to pursue the demand for resilience jobs in high demand and empower them to bring about transformative change that results in a more sustainable Florida. As trained environmental educators interpreting the Museum's exhibits and programs, interns will increase public awareness and knowledge about critical climate change issues impacting Florida and compel citizens to make informed decisions and take action. Outcomes will be measured through attendance, program participation, surveys of interns and public feedback.

**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?**

Funding will be withheld if MODS fails to meet its deliverables of implementing an environmental resilience workforce development internship for 75 high school students from underserved communities who are recruited and trained as environmental educators to interpret resilience exhibits and conduct resilience programs within the Museum's scope as Broward's Hub for Resilience Education to provide greater knowledge for Florida's citizens.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

#### 16. Recipient Contact Information

**a. Organization**



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**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**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**