



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1359

**1. Project Title**

**2. Senate Sponsor**

**3. Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Loggerhead Marinelife Center secured private funding for the installation of a state-of-the-art Life Support System (LSS) to serve an expanded sea turtle hospital and conservation exhibitions. This LSS maximizes the welfare and rehabilitation of resident animals. This appropriation will allow for the augmentation of the existing LSS by supporting the design and engineering of a new water intake and discharge pumping system that is critically needed.

**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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</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)	250,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	250,000	1918A	No

**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.**

LMC would need to solicit funds from their donor support to conduct this work.

**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.

Loggerhead Marinelife Center received \$1,011,001.68 in Paycheck Protection Funds. The funds were used primarily for wages with an allowable amount for rent and 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

### 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		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	Design and engineering of the water intake system and discharge system. The existing system that is in operation is at the end of its operational life and is subject to salinity issues during beach nourishment and weather events. The project will involve the design and engineering of new intakes that go farther out into the ocean and address our water return system.	250,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>250,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The appropriation will provide engineering and design documents needed to rebuild the existing seawater intake and discharge system needed to provide clean seawater to the aquariums and sea turtle hospital tanks. The current system is at end of life and prone to salinity issues during beach nourishment cycles.

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

The Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center will operate additional aquariums, marine life galleries, and conservation exhibitions to serve the visiting public as well as educational programming and student groups. With an expanded sea turtle hospital, the Center will also expand sea turtle rehabilitation activities including accommodating more patients and offering additional therapies that were previously not possible. Visitation, educational impact, and marine life threat data will be gathered, curated, and shared with relevant government agencies and partners.

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

The funds will improve the water quality and environmental conditions of the Center's aquariums representing the Gulf Stream, mangrove, coral reef, and sea grass ecosystems as well as our sea turtle hospital tanks. Access to the Center and all exhibits is free of charge to all guests.

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

Tourists, K-12 students, and state and local government agencies. Roughly 350,000 guests attend our facility annually and our digital reach with our virtual programs is an additional 300,000.

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

We expect to draw additional tourist and student guests that will experience an increased knowledge and awareness of local coastal ecosystems that may foster an increased interest in choosing STEM training and careers. Outcomes will be measured using qualitative research instruments (surveys, interviews and observation forms) that will be quantitatively analyzed. Additionally, we will treat more sea turtle patients, generate additional ocean threat data curate, and report these data to state authorities in order to inform management practices, recommendations, and policies.

**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?**

Forfeit of Funding

**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

b. Municipality and County

**c. Organization Type**

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- 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**