



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2469

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This initiative modernizes Orlando's city nursery, expanding native plant propagation and community education to promote sustainable landscaping. Upgrades to irrigation and greenhouse systems will enhance plant growth, reduce maintenance costs, and improve stormwater management. Workshops and tree giveaways will empower residents to adopt conservation practices, ensuring a greener, more resilient Orlando.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	113,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>113,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	113,000	16%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	570,000	84%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>683,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.

**Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects**



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**10. Status of Construction**

**a. What is the current phase of the project?**

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

**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?**

**e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?**

**11. 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.**

**12. 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</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Implement sustainability programs, and conduct impact studies. Specialists will oversee infrastructure upgrades, develop educational workshops, and execute community engagement initiatives. A study will assess cost savings, environmental benefits, and efficiency improvements, ensuring long-term sustainability and economic impact	113,000
<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>113,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The funds will modernize Orlando's city nursery, enhancing native plant propagation, improving irrigation systems, and expanding community education on sustainable landscaping. This initiative will reduce maintenance costs, improve stormwater management, and increase urban tree canopy, fostering environmental conservation and long-term sustainability while empowering residents to adopt cost-effective, eco-friendly practices.

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



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The funds will support nursery modernization, tree propagation, and community education. Activities include upgrading irrigation systems, improving greenhouse materials, and enhancing soil quality to promote sustainable plant growth. Expanded cultivation and distribution of native species will help reduce maintenance costs and improve environmental resilience. Educational workshops will provide hands-on training in sustainable landscaping, water conservation, and tree care. Community engagement efforts, including tree giveaways and outreach programs, will encourage public participation in conservation efforts and promote long-term environmental stewardship.

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

The project will provide direct services including free tree and plant distributions, hands-on training in sustainable landscaping, and educational workshops on water conservation and native plant care. Residents will have access to expert-led programs that promote Florida-friendly gardening and urban reforestation. These services will enhance green spaces, improve environmental sustainability, and reduce community landscaping costs.

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

The project will serve Orlando residents, including homeowners, students, seniors, and community groups interested in sustainable landscaping and conservation. It will also benefit economically disadvantaged individuals by providing free trees and educational resources. An estimated 400 to 800 individuals will be directly served annually through workshops, training sessions, and tree distribution events, promoting long-term environmental and economic benefits.

**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 enhance environmental sustainability, reduce maintenance costs, and improve community engagement in conservation efforts. Expected benefits include increased native plant coverage, improved stormwater management, and reduced urban heat. Outcomes will be measured through GIS mapping to track plant distribution, temperature and air quality monitoring, workshop attendance records, and community surveys assessing knowledge retention and participation in sustainable practices.

**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 in the contract?**

While the standard penalties outlined in the contract provide a strong framework for accountability, the contracting agency may consider additional measures tailored to the specific circumstances of non-compliance. These could include actions designed to encourage timely resolution, foster collaboration, and ensure future adherence to deliverables and performance measures. The goal is to address issues constructively while maintaining the integrity and objectives of the agreement.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

Yes, Applied

Yes, Received

No

No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

18. 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



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*