



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3352

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project matches a one time disbursement of tree planting funds from Miami-Dade County to enhance public land, beautification, urban cooling and water management. Specifically, tree plantings will be in environmental preserves, schools and government facilities. One site that will receive significant enhancements include the historic forests used by Pedro Pan kids at Camp Matecumbe. Other sites include Fuch's hammock, Airbase K-8 and more. Demonstration projects can be seen at Bowman K-8 and Nixon Smiley pineland. If funded, an additional 6,000 trees and understory plants will be planted. The location of the tree planting project is publicly owned property in Senate Districts 38 and 40.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	600,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	600,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,200,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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?** No

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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
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		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The requested funding will be spent in large scale contracts attractive to the plant industry. These contracts include one to grow plant material and contracts to prepare tree planting areas, install trees and maintain the areas over the warranty period.	600,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The funding will be used to contract grow native trees from environmental preserves expanding the type of trees that are commercially available in Miami-Dade County. The contracted plant material will beautify public land through tree installations and maintenance. Additional effort in the forests of Miami-Dade includes clearing out impacted areas (particularly edges of forests) of invasive plants and historic dumpings and installation of 1000's of trees within the preserves.

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

The requested funds will be used within one year to grow, site prep, install and maintain 20,000 trees in schools and forests in the southern region of the county.

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

Shade and beautification are the services provided by the trees planted on public property.

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

General citizens, with an emphasis on students are served, with a population of approximately 10,000.

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

Number of trees planted at schools. Number of species of trees grown, number of trees grown, quantity of plant material used for contracts. Number of acres restored.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in nonpayment.

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
- 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:



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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**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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