



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3386

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The ongoing construction of the new 7,800 sq ft state-of-the-art wildlife hospital and education center enabling Pelican Harbor to deliver the highest standard of patient care while serving as a hub for conservation awareness. Through hands-on, interactive experiences, we are expanding our environmental education programs to engage more children, families, and community groups. By fostering a deeper understanding of wildlife and ecosystems, we empower communities to take an active role in helping to mitigate the many threats facing native wildlife and the environment.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	850,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>850,000</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)	850,000	7%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,268,000	10%
Local	1,985,593	16%
Other	8,247,550	67%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>12,351,143</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		
2024-25	0	500,000		No

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.**

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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12.21.2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/302026

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

Pelican Harbor will continue to submit to private foundations and explore alternative grants to cover expenses related to operations and maintenance. We also raise funds for the project through special events, and general donations along with a board of director committed and invested in 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.

Pelican Harbor is a 501C3. We are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Our bylaws prohibit any employee or board member from benefiting from the resources of the organization.

### 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		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The Capital Outlay funds requested are related to the on-going construction of the new 7,800 sq ft wildlife hospital and education center.	850,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>850,000</b>

### 13. 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?**

The completion of the construction of the new building which will be home to the Pelican Harbor Wildlife Rescue, Rehabilitation, Release and Education Center is the intended purpose of these funds.

Once completed some of the activities will include:

1. Permanent Exhibitions In the building's Education Center exhibits combining objects, artifacts, videos
2. Annual Art Show/Exhibition
3. Natural History Speaker Series
4. Little River Clean Up Day
5. Behind-the-scenes tours
6. Native Plant and Wildlife Tours, videos and classes
7. Plant Stamp/Collage Activity for Children
8. Annual Art Show/Exhibition
9. Lobby Video Installation
10. Meet the Ambassadors
11. Wildlife Intake - treatment - release
12. Camp Peli
13. Tours
14. Events
15. Cruises
16. School Presentations

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

This request is for Capital Outlay funds only . No direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project.

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

The funds requested for the project are for Capital Outlay not populations to be served. Once completed we expect to increase the number of patients treated and released, types of program opportunities and participants and the number of stakeholders by 10 to 20 percent in the first year. The goal is to raise awareness, inform and provide more opportunities to engage more citizens, students, foundations, government officials and business' to become environmental stewards and protect and preserve native wildlife and the environment for generations to come.

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

The new facility is expected to be a hub for community activity offering environmental classes, events, presentation, tours, and an assortment of activities to raise awareness of the threats facing wildlife, the environment and solutions for preserving and protecting these precious resources. The wildlife program rescues, rehabilitates and releases injured and orphaned wildlife giving them a second chance. WRMD tracks all data related to each patients including species, type of injury, location found, treatment plan and release information. This data is used to inform the environmental education program and shared with other wildlife centers locally and across the country to identify causes, solutions, ideas, experiences, and share best practices. By using pre and post surveys and questionnaires targeting specific programs with regard to program satisfaction, overall experience, take aways, ideas for improving and future participation we can assess what is working and what to tweak

#### **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?**



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In addition to standard penalties, the contracting agency may consider the following additional penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures:

1. Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Requirement
2. Increased Monitoring & Reporting Requirements
3. Performance-Based Payment Adjustments
4. Termination for Default
5. Disqualification from Future Contracts

The specific penalties depend on the severity of the non-compliance and the terms outlined in the contract.

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:

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



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**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**

**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.*