



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2648

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

State funds provide for collaboration with the Florida Wildlife Corridor to establish 3 interpretive installations – one at each of 3 sites in Broward – highlighting the vital role that FWC plays in our state’s ecology and economy. Installations will convey the role of FWC in connecting lands and waters supporting wildlife and people, augmented by educational programs delivered through MODS’ EcoExplorers workforce development internship. The project supports Florida’s Resilience Action Plan.

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

State Agency contacted?

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	50,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	450,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	11%
Matching Funds		
Federal	250,000	5%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	500,000	11%
Local	2,202,622	48%
Other	1,166,995	25%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	4,619,617	100%

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

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
 N/A

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

04/15/2025

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	MODS and partner organizations will cover all administrative costs.	0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Educational materials and supplies for environmental programs that augment MODS' installation, developed and delivered through Everglades EcoExplorers, MODS' paid workforce development internship.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Fabrication of three installations focusing on urban, coastal and Everglades wildlife and ecosystems, each connected through and reflecting the Florida Wildlife Corridor's role to protect and restore the state's network of lands and waters in support of its wildlife and people.	450,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

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 partner with the FWC Foundation and 2 Broward organizations to develop 3 installations that raise awareness of FWC by focusing on the wildlife best represented by each partner - coastal, urban and Everglades. 80 underserved high school youth will provide ancillary environmental programs through a year-long paid workforce development internship that supports pursuit of resilience careers.

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

The project raises awareness of and galvanize support for the Corridor and its impact on the state’s ecology and economy. It empowers the public to take personal action, broadens civic engagement and education in resilience issues, inspires and trains youth to pursue the demand for resilience jobs and develops a better skilled workforce that results in a more sustainable and prosperous Florida.

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

The funds requested will serve the following target populations: economically disadvantaged persons; at-risk youth; preschool students; grade school students; high school students; and university/college students. The workforce development internship will impact 80 underserved high school youth with workforce training, paid employment, uniforms, field study expenses and transportation. Together, the workforce development and capital project will annually impact 1 million Florida residents from at least 76% of Florida counties and tourists from all 50 U.S. states and 20 foreign countries at 3 Broward locations.

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

State funds will advance Fla Wildlife Corridor goals through three permanent installations at MODS and two other Broward locations impacting 1 million annually from at least 76% of Florida’s counties. Funds also provide workforce training, paid employment, uniforms, field study expenses and transportation for 80 underserved high school youth to develop and deliver ancillary public programs to support the installation. The outcome, measured through FWC feedback and surveys of the public, will result in a higher degree of pro-environment behavior to support the goals of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

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 for failing to (1) Fabricate and install 3 installations at MODS and 2 other Broward locations (2) Highlight the vital role the Florida Wildlife Corridor (FWC) plays to protect the state’s lands and waters in support of wildlife and people (3) Implement paid workforce development training to augment FWC installation through environmental programs conducted by MODS’ EcoExplorer interns and (4) Impact 1 million Florida residents and tourists annually at all 3 locations.

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