

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Deering Estate - Field Study Research Center
2. Date of Submission: 11/13/2017
3. House Member Sponsor: Michael Bileca
Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
If answer to 4a is ?No? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? Yes
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 <i>(If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:		1,200,000	1,200,000		1,250,000	1,250,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2018-19? No
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Economic Opportunity
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No
 - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.
Standard Penalties for non-compliance are adequate.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Mary Pettit
- b. Organization: The Deering Estate Foundation, Inc.
- c. Email: mpettit@deeringestate.org
- d. Phone #: (786)942-4671

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Mary Pettit
- b. Organization: The Deering Estate Foundation, Inc.
- c. Email: mpettit@deeringestate.org
- d. Phone #: (786)942-4671

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Diana Ferguson
- b. Firm: Rutledge Ecencia
- c. Email: dferguson@rutledge-ecencia.com
- d. Phone #: (850)681-6788

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: The Deering Estate Foundation, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Miami-Dade
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Statewide

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

The specific goal of this project is to bring a 10,700 sq ft facility within an 8.75 acre property donated in 2015, originally built in 1982, up to current accessibility & fire codes with limited reconfiguration to the interior, so it can be brought on-line in service to our community as a field study research center housing an archival library, field staff office and temporary living quarters for up to 14 researchers at any one given time conducting their research at the Deering Estate.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter ?0? if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	\$1,250,000 to support one time fixed capital outlay, including project management, engineering and permitting, to make required improvements to meet public access and safety codes and renovations	1,250,000

	reconfiguring the interior to provide for office	
TOTAL		1,250,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category ?h. Fixed Capital Outlay? was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

Through a series of public meetings the property has been successfully rezoned for this intended use and the project has full support of the Miami-Dade County Commission, R-1093-17, a collaborative partnership agreement in the form of an MOU with Florida International University(FIU) and letters of support from: U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, FIU ? Office of the President, Office of the Mayors of Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay & Pinecrest, The Beacon Council of Miami-Dade County, GMCVB, and more.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

No

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

No

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit	Describe the method for measuring level
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	or outcome	of benefit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Broader access to Deering's natural resources. Research affirms that being outdoors and interacting with the environment has many physical as well as mental health benefits, including decreasing depression, relieving anxiety, and providing a new perspective	#/% increase in attendance in related ecological Field Study programs, eco-tours and general visitation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Same as above.	Same as above.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	Putting in service to the Deering Estate an additional 8.75 acres of expanded natural areas and added facility supporting environmental and archaeological research & field study, ecotourism, and general public engagement.	Same as above.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Field Stations provide living, outdoor laboratories for students, educators, researchers, and the general public interested in the environment and conservation. Research & discovery themes offered at Deering Estate include Conservation Biology, Restorative Ecology, Coastal Wetland Ecology, Geology, Geophysics, Paleoclimatology, Activity Theory in Formal & Non-formal Science Education, and Socio-Cultural Studies.	Outcomes will be measured by number of statewide and regional partners conducting research and training on site; number of groups/individuals - local to international- served by project; and number of research publications & data sets generated.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	Field Stations constitute an important part of a nation's research infrastructure, one that enables scientists to better understand the world's complex natural history and socio-environmental systems and to better measure the rapid environmental changes that are stressing natural and social systems informing best management practices.	Outcomes will be measured by number of research publications & data sets generated advancing contributing to best management practices.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Connecting to and understanding the natural world around us advances environmental literacy and public safety	Outcomes will be measured by individuals served.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Local businesses will benefit from the economic impact of related residencies, visiting academia, faculty, eco-tourists and conservationists. Universities will benefit by leveraging the Deering Estate as a resource for advanced studies and STEM related career development.	Number of statewide and regional partners conducting research and training onsite; number of groups/individuals served by project, including Temporary residencies; number of increased visitors and participants; new internal revenue generated and random surveys of surrounding restaurants and retailers largely anchored by the Deering Estate and its patrons.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	The Deering Estate presently welcomes over 80,000 visitors and program participants each year. This project will drive new local, national and international audiences to the	Same as above.

	Deering Estate generating new revenue streams essential to sustaining this state-owned heritage site.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	Completion of the project will lead to additional job opportunities as programs expand, on-site temporary residencies are offered and engagement increases.	New positions added over time.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	Universities and professional researchers will benefit by leveraging the Deering Estate as a resource for advanced studies and STEM related career development.	Number of undergraduate, graduate and professional researchers conducting their research on site and numbers of professionals participating in Deering's professional development workshops on site.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2018-19 from all sources of funding (Enter ?0? if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of
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			funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	1,250,000	19.8%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	5,050,000	80.2%	Yes
TOTAL	6,300,000	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No