

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Cutler Bay Wetland Restoration Project
2. Date of Submission: 11/15/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Javier Fernandez
Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
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?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <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:					300,000	300,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? 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 Environmental Protection
 - 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.

Failure to meet deliverables will result in a reduction of appropriation amount based upon the compensation for unmet deliverables.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Rafael G. Casals
- b. Organization: Town of Cutler Bay
- c. Email: rcasals@cutlerbay-fl.gov
- d. Phone #: (305)234-4262

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

- a. Name: Rafael G. Casals
- b. Organization: Town of Cutler Bay
- c. Email: rcasals@cutlerbay-fl.gov
- d. Phone #: (305)234-4262

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

- a. Name: Cesar Fernandez
- b. Firm: Converge Government Affairs
- c. Email: cesar@convergegov.com
- d. Phone #: (786)262-6092

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Town of Cutler Bay
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Miami-Dade
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Miami-Dade

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 Town is requesting an appropriation to restore 52 acres of open space at SW 97 Avenue & SW 224 Street into a wetland area. The project site has drawn nearly 120 species of migratory and rare birds; however, illegal dumping and ATV riding threatens the natural habitat. This project complements the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, has potential to link bicyclists to three (3) state bike trails and serve as an outdoor, educational "learning lab" for students in local schools.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Planning and design of the wetland area.	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Restoration of the wetland area.	250,000
TOTAL		300,000

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?

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:

The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (sponsored by Commissioner Levine-Cava) unanimously adopted Reso. #R-1095-19 "urging the Florida legislature to appropriate funding for the Cuter Wetlands" on October 3, 2019.

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

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

This project is consistent with the Town's Flood Mitigation Master Plan prepared by AMEC and Green Master Plan prepared by Iler Planning. The Town also has the support of key stakeholders: South Florida Water Management District (property owner), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Miami-Dade County, and local schools.

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

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 or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
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<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Provide local resources for teachers to connect environmental science classwork to the student's personal environment.	Post activity surveys/satisfaction surveys for youth and teachers.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	Increase community awareness about the importance of conserving Biscayne Bay and the Wetlands.	Installation of educational plaques and/or displays at key locations in the conservation area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	Expand the Town's eco-tourist attractions and promote the Town's commitment to being a "Green Local Government."	Place the Wetland Project on the Town's City Map as an environmental attraction. This map is distributed to residents and visitors.
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management	Wetlands function as natural sponges that trap and slowly release stormwater. Trees, root mats and other wetland vegetation also allow the speed of flood waters and distribute slowly over the floodplain.	Restoration of the wetland, number and species of trees/vegetation planted.
<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 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	300,000	67.3%	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:	146,000	32.7%	Yes
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	446,000	100%	

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

No

21. What is the revenue source of ongoing operating funds?

Parking Impact Fees and General Revenue.

22. Has local approval been given for ongoing operating funds?

Yes

23. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- a. Wastewater Revolving Loan
- b. Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- c. Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- d. Other (Please describe)
- e. N/A

24. Has project been addressed in a local, regional, or state plan?

Yes

24a. If Yes, insert plan name and cite page numbers.

Town's Green Master Plan "ensure the preservation and conservation of natural resources within its boundaries and in adjacent areas" (pg. 14). This project complements the Florida Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act Report on Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands (April 2010) and the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

25. Is the project for a financially disadvantaged community? (as defined in Chapter 62-552, F.A.C.)

No

26. What is the population economic status?

- a. Financially Disadvantaged Municipality
- b. Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern
- c. Rural Community Experiencing Economic Distress
- d. N/A

27. What is the status of planning?

- a. Ready

b. Not Ready

28. What percentage of the planning process has been completed?

50%

29. What is the estimated planning completion date?

3/30/2020

30. What is the status of design?

a. Ready

b. Not Ready

31. What percentage of design has been completed?

0%

32. What is the estimated design completion date?

12/31/2020

33. List all required permits.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Miami-Dade County

34. What is the status of permitting?

a. Planned

b. Submitted

c. Received

35. What is the status of construction?

a. Ready

b. Not Ready

36. What percentage of construction has been completed?

0%

37. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2021