

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Manatee Gateway Experience
2. Date of Submission: 11/15/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Kimberly Daniels
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:					4,000,000	4,000,000

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? Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 - 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.

The State can suspend or terminate the contract and request the funds be returned.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Tony Vecchio
- b. Organization: Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc.
- c. Email: vecchiot@jacksonvillezoo.org
- d. Phone #: (904)757-4463

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

- a. Name: J. Cullen Richart
- b. Organization: Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc.
- c. Email: richartc@jacksonvillezoo.org
- d. Phone #: (904)422-7899

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

- a. Name: Matt Brockelman
- b. Firm: Southern Strategy Group
- c. Email: brockelman@thesoutherngroup.com
- d. Phone #: (904)425-8765

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Duval
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Alachua, Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns

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?

Funds will help construct the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens’ proposed \$15M Manatee Gateway experience, which will include the Manatee River Exhibit, a “first and final impressions exhibit” featuring Florida’s most iconic aquatic, threatened mammal. Specifically, the requested \$4,000,000 will be used for the Manatee Life Support System component of the project. Through an engaging, immersive, naturalistic design, guests will be welcomed and awed by the unique beauty of manatees.

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	Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens’ proposed \$15M Manatee Gateway experience, which will include the Manatee River Exhibit, a “first and final impressions exhibit” featuring	4,000,000

	Florida's most iconic aquatic, threatened mammal. Specifically, the requested \$4,000,000 will be used for the Manatee Life Support System component of the project. Through an engaging, immersive, naturalistic design, guests will be welcomed and awed by the unique beauty of manatees.	
TOTAL		4,000,000

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:

Letters of support from the City of Jacksonville Mayor, Private Donors and Public Sector support

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:

Caring for manatees is a vital, rewarding, but expensive endeavor widely verified through JZG's Manatee Project, a five-phase, long-range response, conservation and management plan developed cooperatively in 2012 with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) supporting manatee management.

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

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Funding will help build the Manatee River habitat to rehabilitate injured and orphaned manatees who were rescued and transported to our Manatee Critical Care Center (MCCC). Following medical treatment, the manatees will be housed in the habitat to convalesce and recover for release back to the wild. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the US Fish and Wildlife Service fully support JZG's additional capacity to save and protect the manatee.

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

The public will be educated on Manatees and have opportunities to witness their behaviors.

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups.").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons

- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

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
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	The Manatee Gateway Experience exhibit will provide Zoo visitors with a state of the art opportunity for those interested in Florida's threatened and iconic aquatic mammal.	This benefit would be measured by the number of guests who visit the exhibit, which we anticipate will be over 1,000,000 visitors annually.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	The Manatee Gateway Experience would educate its visitors on the importance of Florida's iconic aquatic mammal.	This benefit would be measured by the number of guests who visit the exhibit, which we anticipate will be over 1,000,000 visitors annually.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and	The Manatee Life Support System would rehabilitate injured and	The measurement of benefit to wildlife should be number of

wildlife quality	orphaned manatees in the Northeast Florida region who were rescued and transported to the Manatee Critical Care Center (MCCC).	manatees treated, saved and protected as a result of the critical care center.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Provide education and outreach to residents living near waters inhabited by Florida manatees.	This benefit would be measured by the number of guests who visit the exhibit, which we anticipate will be over 1,000,000 visitors annually.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<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 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 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:	4,000,000	26.7%	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:	7,500,000	50.0%	Yes
5. Other:	3,500,000	23.3%	Yes
TOTAL	15,000,000	100%	

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

No