

The Florida House of Representatives
Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2022-23
For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Clearwater Marine Aquarium Manatee Rehabilitation Exhibit
2. Date of Submission: 11/02/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Chris Latvala

4. Details of Amount Requested:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- 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 2021-22 <i>(If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2022-23 <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	Recurring Base Budget	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds
Input Amounts:					3,000,000	3,000,000

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2022-23 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	3,000,000	30.0%	N/A
2. Federal	94,000	0.9%	Yes
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local	100,000	1.0%	Yes

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5. Other	6,806,000	68.1%	Yes
TOTAL	10,000,000	100%	

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

No

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

If appropriation funds are not spent as committed within the contract period, the remaining funds should be reverted.

7. Requester:

a. Name: James Powell

b. Organization: Clearwater Marine Aquarium

c. Email: jpowell@cmaquarium.org

d. Phone #: (727)441-1790

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

a. Name: Dick Regan

b. Organization: Clearwater Marine Aquarium

c. Email: dregan@cmaquarium.org

d. Phone #: (727)441-1790

9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

a. Name: Alan J. Suskey

b. Firm: Shumaker Advisors Florida, LLC

c. Email: asuskey@shumakeradvisors.com

d. Phone #: (850)510-8314

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

a. Name: Clearwater Marine Aquarium

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- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Pinellas
 c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Statewide

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

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

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

Clearwater Marine Aquarium aims to enhance capacity with the Manatee Rescue and Rehabilitation Partnership (MRP) for the rehabilitation of West Indian manatees through pool renovations. Funds will help improve and expand existing facilities for medical treatment, rehabilitation and/or necropsies, including build outs, alterations, upgrades and renovations which meets USDA standards for the care of manatees and other marine mammals.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (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:		

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<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	Renovation and construction of Winter Zone to become a habitat for manatee rehabilitation.	3,000,000
TOTAL		3,000,000

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?

- 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)

15. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

16. 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

a. Please Describe:

Clearwater Mayor, Frank Hibbard commemorated September 7, as Save the Manatee Day and sent a letter of support. CMA is a part of the Manatee Rescue Rehabilitation Partnership. Local resorts that have sent letters supporting CMA's efforts to grow manatee rehabilitation efforts are the Wyndham Grand, Clearwater Beach and Page Development Group that maintains Winter's Beach Resort.

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17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?
No

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

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

Appropriations funds will support the development of a manatee rehabilitation facility at CMA. CMA's Winter Zone will transform to save Florida's iconic species. This facility will expand CMA's tourism draw and improve ocean literacy for local and out of town visitors. Activities/ services include: new job creation, public education, marine rehabilitation and economic benefits to the county.

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

Appropriations support will help fund the development of a manatee rehabilitation facility. New jobs will be created in the redevelopment of Winter's Zone to accommodate manatee rehabilitation, creating up to 12 "beds" for manatees to recover before going back out into the wild. Once established, over 500,000 annual visitors will learn about the sea cow and how to save them from extinction.

c. 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

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

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

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

19. 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 or outcome
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	Expose at least 500,000 visitors annually to current and real time manatee rehabilitation and recovery.	Attendance numbers.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Educate over 250,000 visitors annually - in person and virtually, the importance of conservation,	Customer satisfaction surveys, social media polls.

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	ecology and stewardship, as a result, make sustainable choices and take an active part in preserving our marine environment.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	Preserve the lives of manatees.	Tracking manatee numbers through rescue, transport, tagging and rehabilitation.
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Increased economic activity to Clearwater.	Hotel bed tax collections.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	Increased tourism to Clearwater Beach.	Hotel bed tax collections.
<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		

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<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):		