

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: Largo McGough Nature Park Boardwalk Replacement
2. Date of Submission: 11/09/2021
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:					560,000	560,000

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	560,000	80.0%	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	140,000	20.0%	Yes

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5. Other	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	700,000	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? Department of Environmental Protection

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.

Penalties for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures could include repayment of funds or disqualification from future funding requests.

7. Requester:

a. Name: Chris Hawks

b. Organization: City of Largo

c. Email: chawks@largo.com

d. Phone #: (727)586-7452

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

a. Name: Lara Khoury

b. Organization: City of Largo

c. Email: lkhoury@largo.com

d. Phone #: (727)587-6720

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

a. Name: None

b. Firm: None

c. Email:

d. Phone #:

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

a. Name: City of Largo

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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): Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas

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?

McGough Nature Park, with over 50,000 annual visitors, is a 26 acre park situated on the intercoastal waterway. The goal of the requested funds is to replace the existing boardwalk connecting the park to the waterway. The present boardwalk has exceeded its useful life and the proposed new boardwalk will be ADA compliant so that anyone wishing to enjoy the park will be able to do so. The proposed new boardwalk will also be built to resiliency standards and taking into account sea level rise.

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	McGough Nature Park Boardwalk Replacement	560,000
TOTAL		560,000

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:

McGough Nature Park is part of the city of Largo's award-winning Recreation, Parks, & Arts Department. Over 50,000 visitors annually including local residents, students, and tourists, the proposed boardwalk replacement provides strong backing from city administration and is top funding priority. The City Commission has included this project in Largo's 2022 Legislative Agenda.

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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?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

The present boardwalk at McGough's Nature Park has been evaluated by third party contractors who determined the boardwalk is approaching the end of its useful life and is an obsolete design.

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?

McGough Nature Park is a 26 acre park located along the Intracoastal Waterway. The park features a nature center that houses live animal exhibits, including 22 rescued, non-releasable birds and offers numerous environmental education programs. The park is known for an abundance of aquatic wildlife and native plant species enjoyed by many thousands of visitors each year along the park's boardwalk.

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

Accessible and resilient boardwalk connecting the park to the intercoastal waterway, serving more than 50,000 students, residents, and tourists who visit the park annually. The boardwalk also provides access to the numerous natural wildlife habitats at the park and is essential to the overall park experience.

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

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- 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): Tourists

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Provide a scenic walking opportunity for local resident visitors to the park.	Park staff will track the number of visitors regularly using the park for exercise purposes.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	Access to the intercoastal and nature preserve areas of the park via the boardwalk.	Park staff will track the number of visitors and collect visitor feedback at the park.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Student access to nature preserve areas of the park via the boardwalk.	City staff will track the number of students from local schools who visit the park annually for educational purposes.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<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	Access to the intercoastal and nature preserve areas of the park for tourists.	Park staff will track the number of tourists visiting the park annually.
<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		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		