

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: ZooTampa Panther Medical and Habitat Facilities

2. Date of Submission: 11/12/2019

3. House Member Sponsor: Jackie Toledo

Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- 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
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2019-20
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 (If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non- vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds (Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)
Input Amounts:		200,000	200,000		1,000,000	1,000,000

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.

Return of funds.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Joe Couceiro
- b. Organization: ZooTampa at Lowry Park
- c. Email: Joe.Couceiro@ZooTampa.org
- d. Phone #: (813)933-8038

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

- a. Name: Joe Couceiro
- b. Organization: ZooTampa at Lowry Park
- c. Email: Joe.Couceiro@ZooTampa.org
- d. Phone #: (813)933-8038

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

- a. Name: Sydney Ridley
- b. Firm: Southern Strategy Group
- c. Email: Ridley@sostrategy.com
- d. Phone #: (813)407-0691

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: ZooTampa at Lowry Park
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Hillsborough
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota

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?

ZooTampa provides a haven for Florida panthers deemed non-releasable by FWC. Human/panther conflicts are becoming more frequent as their numbers increase so there is a critical need for medical facilities to treat and rehabilitate injured or ill panthers. We will use the funds to expand our current single habitat to provide a complete habitat for each of the 3 non-releasable panthers we have now, and provide necessary holding for releasable panthers receiving medical treatment prior to release.

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	Renovate and expand existing single panther habitat to appropriately house 3 non-releasable Florida panthers and provide for additional	1,000,000

	releasable panther rehabilitation.	
TOTAL		1,000,000

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:

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Jane Castor, Mayor, City of Tampa Dana Young, CEO, Visit Florida

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:

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Florida Panther Recovery Plan

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?

Medical treatment for injured and sick Florida panthers Permanent housing/habitats for non-releasable panthers

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

The funding will provide much needed space for panthers designated as "nuisance" animals (i.e, become dependent on household pets for food) and for panthers deemed non-releasable by FWC due to illness or injury. Ability to see and learn about Florida panthers for the more than 1,000,000 annual visitors to ZooTampa. Enhanced education opportunities for more than 150,000 Florida students who participate in ZooTampa education programs and outreach annually.

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

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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	USFWS Florida Panther Recovery Plan 2.1.3.6 -- Design education displays and programs for public environmental education centers, such as zoos and natural history museums.	Attractive new panther habitat with compelling information about Florida panthers is completed, supported by strong interpretive programs to impact ZooTampa guests (see Improve Quality of Education).
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	USFWS Florida Panther Recovery Plan 3.2.7 -- Identify and work with existing environmental education facilities to provide or enhance panther education displays and programs. This includes Lowry Park Zoo (ZooTampa).	3.3 -- Evaluate outreach and educational programs and materials. Measure number of public education programs about Florida panthers, number of ZooTampa guests impacted, and survey program participants
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	USFWS Florida Panther Recovery Plan 1.1.5.7.4 -- Develop and implement a captive management plan for panthers held in captivity. 1.1.5.7.5 -- Establish research priorities for captive panthers which can be applied to management of the free-ranging population.	ZooTampa participates in the development and implementation of a captive management plan. ZooTampa undertakes research supporting implementation of a captive management plan and applies findings to enhance management of the free-ranging

		population.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	USFWS Florida Panther Recovery Plan 3.2.5 -- Provide materials and programs regarding human/panther interactions. 3.2.5.1 -- Provide education and outreach to residents living in and adjacent to panther habitat. Include tips for living panther habitat.	ZooTampa includes information for living with panthers through interpretive signs and programs for one million Zoo guests annually, 85% of whom are Florida residents and therefore living in and adjacent to panther habitat.
<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:	1,000,000	100.0%	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:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	1,000,000	100%	

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

No