

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Bear Cut Preserve Restoration

2. Date of Submission: 11/13/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Nicholas Duran

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### 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 2017-18 (If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 (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:					150,000	150,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2018-19? 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.

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### 6. Requester:

- a. Name: Theodora Long
- b. Organization: Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center
- c. Email: theodoralong@biscaynenaturecenter.org
- d. Phone #: (305)361-6767

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

- a. Name: Theodora Long
- b. Organization: Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center
- c. Email: theodoralong@biscaynenaturecenter.org
- d. Phone #: (305)361-6767

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

- a. Name: None
- b. Firm: None
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

### 9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center
- 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 goal of this project is to restore the 165 acres of natural habitat called the Bear Cut Preserve to its original state. The Bear Cut Preserve is located on Key Biscayne, within Crandon Park. In 1976, Marjory Stoneman Douglas had this preserve declared a State of Florida "environmental study area" and it has been spared any development since that time. The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center uses the 165 acres as their "outdoor classroom" to teach 200 students daily.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	Salary for hired tree trimmers and natural areas management crew to access what should be trimmed and what should be left in its natural state.	50,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Tree trimming and hauling vehicles needed for preservation of the Preserve.	50,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Trained Arborists to identify work to be done in the Preserve and re-design the four trails in the Preserve for the general public.	50,000

Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		150,000

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)

N/A

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:

Yes, We have the support of the Miami-Dade Public Schools, Private schools in Miami-Dade, and the State of Florida Environmental Endangered Lands program (EEL).

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 restoration is needed as a result of Hurricane Irma. It is a very visible as you walk through the Preserve. There are many compromised trees at 45 degree angles that are a danger to the general public and students using the Preserve as a natural habitat outdoor classroom.

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?

The Bear Cut Preserve is the only Preserve in the State of Florida that does not have a road going through it. It is one of the last green spaces for the general public to see what south Florida natural habitat is really like. The Biscayne Nature Center and the Miami-Dade

Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces uses the Preserve as an outdoor classroom offering programming to students, residents and the general public.

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

The direct services provided is free and nominal fee walking tours through the Bear Cut Preserve. At the moment, in it's present state, the Preserve is un-useable and the four trails are in need of repair and restoration. Direct services are currently not available.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	It has been proven that being outdoors is beneficial to your general health and well-being.	Happier citizens, stress relief. written testimonials from visitors to the Preserve.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Walking through the woods definitely improves your mental health and relieves stress.	Written testimonials and surveys.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	Learning where and how the Tequesta Indians once lived off the land in the Bear Cut Preserve before Miami-Dade County was formed.	Written testimonials and surveys.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	The promotion of being in the outdoors, learning and seeing nature first hand, promoting tree planting, bird watching, tourist attraction.	Written testimonials and surveys.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	This is the only Preserve in the State of Florida that has all four ecosystems. The Sea grass beds, the hardwood coastal hammock, the mangroves and the Coastal dune system.	Written testimonials and surveys.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	Restoring the Bear Cut Preserve will enhance and improve the fish and wildlife quality. It will only make the resource stronger and healthier.	The seeing of more birds, fish and wildlife to the 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	The Bear Cut Preserve is on the National Birding Trail. It will increase more tourists to come from all over the world to visit this pristine area.	More international visitors, testimonials and surveys.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	Landscapers and Arborists, tree trimmer and field workers will have immediate job opportunities.	Seeing the improvements in the trails and the Preserve.
<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 2018-19 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
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1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	150,000	88.2%	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:	20,000	11.8%	Yes
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	170,000	100%	

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

No