

# **TOWN OF CUTLER BAY**

# 2019-02

## **State Legislative Session**

## **Funding Request(s)**

#### **PROJECT:**

### CUTLER BAY WETLAND OBSERVATION PAVILION (SW 97<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE)





#### Cutler Bay Wetland Pavilion Project Narrative Requested Amount \$200,000 ~ Town Match: \$200,000

The purpose of this request is to provide construction funding for an environmental education observation structure that will enable citizens to learn about the Biscayne Bay. The observation structure can further the general public's support in protecting environmentally sensitive wetlands and unique fauna and flora associated with the bay and its region.

The site is envisioned as a joint public-private partnership; while the center will be funded from the grant. Functions included within the observation structure will:

- Provide for the education of the general public
- Provide observation opportunities for professionals and the general public
- Support efforts to re-hydrate Biscayne Bay
- Provide interpretive signs and educational information for guests
- Document both fauna and flora present in the associated wetlands

The "proposed" observation structure can also provide a major resource for Miami-Dade County Schools and other local institutions of higher learning, to educate and employ students in the effort to preserve Biscayne Bay.



