

## **H2O Healthy Habitats & Oceans Education Initiative**

**Proposed Recipient:** Clearwater Marine Aquarium

**Address of Recipient:** 249 Windward Passage, Clearwater, FL 33767

**Amount of the Request:** \$976,000

**Explanation of Request:** Funding would be used to educate children in Pinellas County Public Schools about the values and importance of environmental stewardship in the community. Specifically, the funds would be used to deploy a mobile classroom, establish an educator program to provide training to teachers, and develop programming targeting students with physical disabilities, consistent with the Aquarium's past work with Winter the Dolphin. This program will fill an unmet need in a community dependent on its environmental resources by providing educational experiences in public schools that help children better understand how to protect local marine life by fostering changes in human behavior.