



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2124

1. Title of Project: Taylor County Canal Dredging Project

2. Senate Sponsor: Bill Montford

3. Date of Submission: 02/22/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Dredging of canals at public access locations on the Gulf which include Keaton Beach Boat Ramp and associated canals, Steinhatchee Boat Ramp, and Dark Island. Approximately 60,100 cubic yards of dredge will be removed from the canals providing for boater safety and improvements and enhancement to the natural resources, marine and wildlife habitat, coastal wetlands, and water quality.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	945,000
Total State Funds Requested	945,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	945,000	40.4%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	1,391,400	59.6%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,336,400	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Dredging and removal of approximately 60,100 cubic yards of spoil in canals in three locations on the County's coastline.	945,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		945,000

11. Program Performance:

a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

The canal systems at Keaton Beach, Steinhatchee Boat Ramp, and Dark Island, will be dredged to provide for safe use of the waterways for the thousands of recreational boaters and fishermen who use these canals to access the Gulf. Commercial fishermen are also dependent on these canals for access to the Gulf particularly at Keaton Beach and Steinhatchee. The local tourism economy is dependent on access to the Gulf.

b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Approximately 60,100 cubic yards of dredge will be removed from the canals providing for boater safety and access to the Gulf during high and low tides. At this time there is no access or limited access at low tide. Frequently boaters are stranded if they have not returned to ramps and public access sites prior to low tide which creates serious safety hazards.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Taylor County tourism trade is largely dependent on recreational fishing and boating and access to the Gulf. Recreational fishing and boating has an economic impact of approximately \$15M annually on the County. Dredging of the canals will provide for boater safety accessing the Gulf during high and low tides. Commercial fishermen also depend on the canals.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Thousands of recreational boaters access the Gulf via the canals as well as commercial fishermen and harvesters. In summer months approximately 400 boats per day access the Gulf via the canals. 100,000+ annually will benefit.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Recreational boating and fishing have an economic impact of over \$15M annually on the County. Commercial fishermen and harvesters are dependent on the canals for access to the Gulf. The canals and access to the Gulf are vital to the local economy year round. As a rural, fiscally constrained area, dredging of the canals is critical to the County.



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f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Taylor County will NOT fail to meet the deliverables and performance measures. The feasibility studies are complete and the County will have the match funds set aside and be able to begin the project work immediately upon approval of state funding assistance. All permitting and procurement of a contractor to perform the work will be complete.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Taylor County owns the boating facilities and the canals are county owned waterways or sovereign Florida waters. All permitting and approvals required for dredging in sovereign waters will be complete prior to approval of state funding assistance.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Taylor County Board of Commissioners
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- d. **Phone Number:** (850)838-3500 Ext. 1

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Taylor County Board of Commissioners
- b. **County:** Taylor
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** LaWanda Pemberton
- e. **E-mail Address:** lpemberton@taylorcountygov.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)838-3500

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**



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Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only

16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe)
- N/A

17. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

18. What is the status of construction? RFP for contractor selection is in approval process. Permitting underway.

19. What percentage of construction has been completed? N/A

20. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 04/30/2020