The Florida Senate
Local Funding Initiative Request
Fiscal Year 2020-2021
LFIR # 1066

1. Project Title: Palm Beach County Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative

2. Senate Sponsor: Lori Berman

3. Date of Request: 10/22/2019

4. Project/Program Description:
The Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative (LWLI) was created to define and evaluate the status of the entire watershed and propose actions that would improve and protect the natural resources within the lagoon and watershed. LWLI is supported by Palm Beach County, South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Inland Navigation District and the League of Cities, which have endorsed the LWL Management Plan to restore the Lagoon. This plan includes projects to restore sea grasses, mangroves and oysters, cap muck sediments, construct storm water control projects, and septic-to-sewer conversions. Revitalizing this important water body provides long-term environmental, recreational and economic benefits to the region. Each State dollar is matched at the local level on a minimum 50:50 cost-share basis. Through this program, over $22 million in State funds and $65 million in local funds have been dedicated to restoring the Lagoon.

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

   State Agency contacted?  
   Yes  No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

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<th>Type of Funding</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Fixed Capital Outlay</td>
<td>3,663,790</td>
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<td>Total State Funds Requested</td>
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7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)

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<th>Type of Funding</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)</td>
<td>3,663,790</td>
<td>50.0 %</td>
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<td>Matching Funds</td>
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<td>Federal</td>
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<td>State (excluding the amount of this request)</td>
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<td>Local</td>
<td>3,663,790</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</td>
<td>7,327,580</td>
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8. Has this project previously received state funding?  
   Yes  No

   If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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<th>Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)</th>
<th>Recurring</th>
<th>Nonrecurring</th>
<th>Specific Appropriation #</th>
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<td>2016-17</td>
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<td>2,000,000</td>
<td>HB2703</td>
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9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?  
   Yes  No

   If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.  
   3,500,000
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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

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<th>Spending Category</th>
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<td>Administrative Costs:</td>
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<td>Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits</td>
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<td>Other Salary and Benefits</td>
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<td>Consultants/Contracted Services/Study</td>
<td>CCNA contracts for continuation of long-term monitoring and data collection.</td>
<td>229,500</td>
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<td>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</td>
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<td>Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering</td>
<td>Construction costs for capital projects including septic-to-sewer conversions, habitat restoration and storm water system improvements.</td>
<td>3,434,290</td>
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<td>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</td>
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<td>3,663,790</td>
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11. Program Performance

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

Funds requested will support capital construction, restoration projects and monitoring efforts designed to improve water quality, habitat quality and coastal resiliency within the Lake Worth Lagoon. The projects for this year are:
1) Lake Shore Drive Drainage Improvements / Town of Lake Park  ($700,000); 2) Lake Worth Lagoon CAP Section 1135 Project / Palm Beach Co. ($1,000,000); 3) Singer Island Submerged Land Acquisition / Palm Beach County ($250,000); 4) Lake Worth Lagoon Monitoring / Palm Beach County ($229,500); 5) Lake Worth Lagoon Preservation Project / City of Riviera Beach ($500,000); 6) Hypoluxo Septic to Sewer Conversion / Town of Hypoluxo ($333,660); 7) South Palm Park Water Quality Improvements / City of Lake Worth Beach ($371,780); 8) Wellesley Drive and 18th Avenue North Lagoon Enhancement / LW Beach ($287,850)

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

Projects include storm water system improvements to reduce runoff and sediment loading into Lake Worth Lagoon, septic-to sewer conversions to eliminate leaching from drainfields, restoration projects to create and enhance habitat within the Lagoon, land acquisition and monitoring efforts. Funds will be utilized primarily for capital costs associated with the various projects, with a small percentage utilized to continue long-term monitoring efforts vital to assessing the health of the system and driving decisions on management and stewardship efforts.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Direct and secondary improvements to water quality, habitat quality, sediment quality and coastal resilience. Projects will also result in transportation improvements via reductions in frequency and severity of nuisance/king-tide/sunny-day flooding.

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

The target population served by this effort and associated projects includes the residents and numerous visitors of Palm Beach County and the local marine industry.

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

Benefits will include the reduction of nutrient and sediment loading into Lake Worth Lagoon, along with the creation of coastal habitat to improve the water quality, ecological conditions and coastal resiliency of the Lagoon. Methodologies to measure expected benefits of these efforts include water quality and biological monitoring, the acreage of habitat created/restored and the acreage of private habitat acquired for conservation/preservation efforts.

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?

None. The Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative has a documented track record of success related to performance measures and deliverables associated with funds appropriated to support these efforts. Through this program’s minimum 50:50 match commitment from participants, over $22 million in State funds and $65 million in local funds have been dedicated to restoring the Lagoon.
12. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

As a partner of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative, Palm Beach County serves as the vessel for the funding request. Owners to receive funding if approved by way of this request include Palm Beach County, the Town of Lake Park, the City of Lake Worth Beach, The City of Riviera Beach and the Town of Hypoluxo.

13. Requestor Contact Information
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   d. Phone Number (561)355-3451 Ext. 

14. Recipient Contact Information
   a. Organization Palm Beach County
   b. Municipality and County Palm Beach
   c. Organization Type
      - For-profit Entity
      - Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
      - Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
      - Local Entity
      - University or College
      - Other (please specify)
   d. First Name Deborah
   e. E-mail Address ddrum@pbcgov.org
   f. Phone Number (561)233-2454

15. Lobbyist Contact Information
   a. Name Frank Bernardino
   b. Firm Name Anfield Consulting
   c. E-mail Address
   d. Phone Number (561)718-2345 Ext. 
Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

16. **Have you applied for alternative state funding?**
   - [ ] Waste Water Revolving Loan
   - [ ] Drinking Water Revolving Loan
   - [ ] Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
   - [x] Other (please specify)
     - [ ] N/A

17. **What is the population economic status?**
   - [ ] Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
   - [ ] Financially Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
   - [ ] Rural Area of Economic Concern
   - [ ] Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
   - [x] N/A

18. **What is the status of construction?**
   - Ready

19. **What percentage of the construction has been completed?**
   - 0%

20. **What is the estimated completion date of construction?**
    - 7/1/2021

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.